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**[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
ON TUESDAY AUGUST 30, 2013 ON PAGE 206]**

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: GOOD MORNING. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TODAY, TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013. I DO TAKE NOTE OF A QUORUM HAVING BEEN ESTABLISHED. I CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION OUR SERGEANT AT ARMS IS PAUL KOBLLENZ. OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SACHI HAMAI, OUR GENERAL COUNSEL IS JOHN KRATTLI AND OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS WILLIAM T FUJIOKA. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE MORNING'S INVOCATION WILL BE OFFERED BY THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD, THE PLEDGE WILL BE OFFERED BY ERNFRED SHOGREN, FORMER E-6 UNITED STATES NAVY, THE COMMUNITY OF GLENDORA AT THE INVITATION OF SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH. IF YOU WOULD PLEASE RISE, YOU ALREADY HAVE, FOR THIS MORNING'S MEDITATION, REFLECTION AND INVOCATION. I THOUGHT IT APPROPRIATE TO TAKE THE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE MOMENT OF TIME IN WHICH WE FIND OURSELVES SOME 50 YEARS PAST THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON. THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OCCASION THIS COMING WEEK. IT IS WELL DOCUMENTED THAT THE PRIMARY VOICE IN THAT EVENT WAS WHO WE KNOW AS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., LONG BEFORE HE WAS WELL KNOWN. HE HAD JUST COMPLETED HIS



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1 PASTORATE FOR HIS PH.D AT THE BOSTON UNIVERSITY IN SYSTEMATIC
2 THEOLOGY AND GONE FROM THAT POINT TO PASTOR A SMALL CHURCH IN
3 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. IT WAS IN THE MIDST OF THE MONTGOMERY BUS
4 BOYCOTT THAT DR. KING WAS PASTORING. AT THE AGE OF THEN 27
5 YEARS OLD AND REGULARLY TEACHING SUNDAY MORNINGS AND THIS IS A
6 PASTORAL PRAYER FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN 1956. I OFFER
7 IT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THIS MORNING. "OH GOD OUR HEAVENLY
8 FATHER, WE COME TO THEE TODAY GRATEFUL THAT THOU HAST KEPT US
9 THROUGH THE LONG NIGHT OF THE PAST AND USHERED US INTO THE
10 CHALLENGE OF THE PRESENT AND THE BRIGHT HOPE OF THE FUTURE.
11 HELP US NEVER LET ANY OR ANYBODY OR ANY CONDITION PULL US SO
12 LOW AS TO CAUSE US TO HATE. GIVE US STRENGTH TO LOVE OUR
13 ENEMIES AND TO DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO DESPITEFULLY USE US AND
14 PERSECUTE US. KEEP US, WE PRAY, IN PERFECT PEACE. HELP US TO
15 WALK TOGETHER, TO PRAY TOGETHER, TO SING TOGETHER, TO LIVE
16 TOGETHER UNTIL THAT DAY WHEN ALL GOD'S CHILDREN, BLACK, WHITE,
17 RED AND YELLOW, WILL REJOICE IN ONE COMMON BAND OF HUMANITY IN
18 THE KINGDOM OF OUR LORD AND OF OUR GOD WE PRAY, AMEN."

19

20 **ERNFRED SHOGREN:** WILL YOU PLEASE FOLLOW ME IN THE PLEDGE OF
21 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. WE NOW TURN TO
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TO INTRODUCE THE PLEDGE VETERAN.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING WE WANT TO ONCE AGAIN RECOGNIZE
2 TED SHOGREN WHO IS A RETIRED MEMBER WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED
3 STATES NAVY BETWEEN 1941 AND 1963. HE SERVED IN THE ASIATIC
4 PACIFIC, THE PHILIPPINE LIBERATION. HE'S A WIDOWER WITH ONE
5 CHILD. HE'S LIVED IN OUR DISTRICT FOR THE PAST 50 YEARS IN
6 GLENORA AND WE APPRECIATE HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND
7 COMING DOWN TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

8 [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WE THANK
11 YOU FOR BRINGING OUR PLEDGE VETERAN THIS MORNING, AND WE THANK
12 HIM FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR NATION. ONCE AGAIN, A ROUND OF
13 APPLAUSE FOR ERNFRED SHOGREN. [APPLAUSE.] GOOD MORNING, MADAM
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE PROCEED WITH CALLING
15 THE AGENDA?

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** TURN MY MICROPHONE ON. GOOD
18 MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN
19 TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE THREE, PRESENTATION AND SET MATTERS. ON
20 ITEM NUMBER S-2, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE
21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
22 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 3, 2013. AND ALSO ON THIS
23 ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
24 IT. THE REMAINING ITEMS, THE SET ITEMS, WILL BE HEARD AT THE



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1 TIMES THAT ARE POSTED. ON PAGE FIVE, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF
2 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM NUMBER 1-H IS BEFORE YOUR BOARD.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
5 KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. SEEING NO
6 OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE SIX, AGENDA FOR THE
9 MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM
10 NUMBER 1-P, THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR
13 YAROSLAVSKY MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. SEEING NO
14 OBJECTIONS PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE SEVEN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
17 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11, ON ITEM NUMBER 1 THIS INCLUDES THE
18 APPOINTMENT AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ALSO ON
19 THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO
20 HOLD IT. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. AND ON THIS
22 ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
23 IT. ON ITEM NUMBER 8, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,
24 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
25 TWO WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 3, 2013. AND ON ITEM NUMBER 9, AS



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1 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
2 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 3,
3 2013. ALSO ON THIS ITEM, ITEM NUMBER 9, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
4 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER
5 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE
8 MOVES. SUPERVISOR --

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WAS THE PREVIOUS ITEM BEFORE 9 THAT WAS
11 ALSO CONTINUED?

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NUMBER 8.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS.
18 AND PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 13, CONSENT CALENDAR,
21 ITEMS 12 THROUGH 38, ON ITEM NUMBER 13, AS INDICATED ON THE
22 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS
23 ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 3, 2013. ON ITEM
24 NUMBER 14, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
25 HOLD THIS ITEM. ALSO ON ITEM NUMBER 15 AND 16, THERE'S A



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1 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON
2 ITEM NUMBER 18, THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNAL SERVICES
3 DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
4 SEPTEMBER 3, 2013. AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
5 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NUMBER 21, THERE'S A
6 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
7 NUMBER 22, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
8 HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 25, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
9 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM NUMBER 37, THERE'S A
10 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE
11 REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD YOU GO OVER THE FIRST ONES AGAIN?
14 YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST FOR ME.

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NUMBER 13, THERE IS A
17 REQUEST -- EXCUSE ME. IT WILL BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS. ON ITEM
18 14, 15--

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND 16 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO NOTED. SUPERVISOR
25 ANTONOVICH MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. THERE ARE NO



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1 OBJECTIONS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. MISCELLANEOUS
2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
3 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
4 AGENDA. ITEM NUMBER 39-A IS BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
7 YAROSLAVSKY MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD A
8 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NUMBER 39-B, SUPERVISOR
11 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ALSO ON THIS
12 ITEM, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE
13 CONTINUED FOUR WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2013.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NUMBER 39-C AND 39-D,
18 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE
19 ITEMS. ON ITEM NUMBER 39-E, I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR
20 THE RECORD. THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S
21 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
22 OF CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT LIMITED OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BOND
23 SERIES 2013-C2 UNDER THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENERGY PROGRAM ON
24 BEHALF OF HILTON LOS ANGELES UNIVERSAL CITY AND AGGREGATE



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1 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIX MILLION DOLLARS. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS VERY MUCH. AND WE NOTE
5 THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS.
6 SEEING NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 28, NOTICES OF CLOSED
9 SESSION, ON ITEM CS-1, CS-2 AND CS-5, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
10 EITHER A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS.
11 AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
13 NUMBER 3.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THERE
16 ARE SEVERAL PRESENTATIONS THAT WE WISH TO TAKE CARE OF THIS
17 MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE SPECIAL
18 GUESTS. WE BEGIN WITH THE CONSUL GENERAL OF AUSTRIA WHO WILL
19 BE FOLLOWED BY L.A. COUNTY STARS' PRESENTATION AND THEN
20 SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO ONE OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO'S
21 DISTINGUISHED HERSELF AS AN ENTREPRENEUR. AND I'M SURE YOU'LL
22 ALL ENJOY THAT. FOLLOWED BY A PRESENTATION -- TWO
23 PRESENTATIONS BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SO WITH THAT, WE'LL
24 BEGIN WITH OUR FIRST ROUND OF PRESENTATIONS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE PLEASED THIS MORNING TO
2 HAVE WITH US THE CONSUL GENERAL FROM AUSTRIA. WE ARE DELIGHTED
3 SHE'S HERE. SHE IS THE HONORABLE KARIN PROIDL. SHE TOOK OVER A
4 POSITION IN SEPTEMBER WITH A JURISDICTION OF OVER 14 WESTERN
5 STATES FROM ALASKA TO NEW MEXICO, HAWAII AS WELL AS ARIZONA.
6 SHE HAS ACTIVELY PROMOTED AUSTRIAN TRADE AND CULTURE. MOST
7 RECENTLY SHE PRESIDED OVER A CELEBRATION OF AUSTRIA, ITS MUSIC
8 AND BEAUTY LAST MAY AT A BLACK-TIE EVENT HOSTED BY THE
9 INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC AT THE
10 DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION. THE GALA INCLUDED A GOURMET DINNER
11 FEATURING AUSTRIAN WINES, MUSIC BY GREAT AUSTRIAN COMPOSERS
12 INCLUDING MOZART, MAHLER AND STRAUS AND OF COURSE THERE WAS
13 DANCING. OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS IN LOS ANGELES HAVE INCLUDED AN
14 EXHIBITION, THE WORKS OF PHOTOGRAPHER ROBERT WILD AT THE SOHO
15 GALLERY IN BEVERLY HILLS AND THE DEBUT OF EXTRAORDINARY WORKS
16 IN THE ORCHESTRA, OF COURSE, HAS MADE THE PRESENCE OF THE
17 AUSTRIAN COMMUNITY KNOWN AND ITS CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE WALT
18 DISNEY CONCERT HALL AND VARIOUS VOCAL COMPETITIONS HELD AT
19 U.C.L.A.'S HERB ALPERT'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE
20 CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE PURSUANT TO THE
21 CONSUL GENERAL'S PRESENCE. SHE HAS ACTIVELY PROMOTED PERSON-
22 TO-PERSON DIPLOMACY, FOR EXAMPLE, THE LOS ANGELES-BASED
23 CHAPTER OF THE AUSTRIAN-AMERICAN COUNCIL NORTH AMERICANS
24 PRESENTED A DONATION OF SOME QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS TO THE
25 CITY FOR THE PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT IN SUPPORT OF ITS CURING OF



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1 CHILDHOOD CANCER. I THINK THAT ALL BY ITSELF DESERVES A ROUND
2 OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] AND SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS AND THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
4 ANGELES, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
5 UNTIRING LEADERSHIP IN PROMOTING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE
6 OF AUSTRIA AND THE RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY. WE WISH YOU
7 CONTINUING SUCCESS AND WILL OFFER YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE
8 YOUR REMARKS AS YOU TAKE YOUR LEAVE FROM THIS POST. LADIES AND
9 GENTLEMEN, THE CONSUL GENERAL OF AUSTRIA, KARIN PROIDL.

10 [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **KARIN PROIDL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DEAR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
13 OF SUPERVISORS, I THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LOURDES SAAB, DEPUTY
14 CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THANK YOU VERY
15 MUCH FOR ORGANIZING THIS FAREWELL. OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS,
16 IT HAS BEEN MY MANDATE AND MY PLEASURE AND MY AMBITION TO
17 FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND
18 CALIFORNIA. THE TIES BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND THE COUNTY OF LOS
19 ANGELES HAS BEEN VERY STRONG FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS, AND I
20 WISH TO MENTION JUST TWO EXAMPLES OF THE EARLY DAYS HERE OF
21 THIS RELATIONS WHEN GREAT AUSTRIAN ARCHITECTS CAME TO LOS
22 ANGELES AND THEY SHAPED THE CALIFORNIA MODERNISM. AND WHEN
23 AUSTRIAN VISIONARIES CAME HERE AND CONTRIBUTED TO BUILDING
24 AMERICA'S GREAT FILM, ARTS AND FILM INDUSTRY. TODAY'S
25 RELATIONS ARE VERY, VERY STRONG, AND I MAY SAY STRONGER THAN



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1 EVER. OUR CULTURAL RELATIONS ARE VERY, VERY STRONG. I HAD,
2 OVER THE PAST YEARS, A SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT WITH POLITICAL
3 VISITER FROM AUSTRIA WHEN THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL CHANCELLOR
4 VISITED LOS ANGELES. OUR PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE RELATIONS ARE VERY
5 CLOSE WITH VISITS AND EXCHANGE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. AND OF
6 COURSE OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONS, WHICH ARE VERY, VERY IMPORTANT
7 TO US. AND I WISH TO MENTION THAT THE AUSTRIAN TRADE
8 COMMISSION IS HEADQUARTERED HERE IN LOS ANGELES RESPONSIBLE
9 FOR THE WESTERN UNITED STATES. THEY DO A WONDERFUL JOB IN
10 FURTHER TIES AND HELPING BUSINESSES TO START HERE AND TO
11 FURTHER EXPLORE AVENUES FOR CLOSER COOPERATION. IN A NUTSHELL,
12 PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT THE AUSTRIAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN LOS
13 ANGELES AND THE AUSTRIAN TRADE COMMISSION WILL BE HERE FOR
14 YOU, RELIABLE AUSTRIAN PARTNERS. AND I PERSONALLY WISH TO
15 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP. THANK
16 YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ONCE AGAIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
19 AND WE WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT. WELL, IT'S TIME
20 FOR L.A. COUNTY STARS. AND WE ARE DELIGHTED TO TAKE THE
21 OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE STANDOUT MEMBERS OF THE LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY WORKFORCE. AND WE INTRODUCE THEM TODAY FOR
23 THEIR EXCEPTIONAL WORK, SERVICE EXCELLENCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL
24 EFFECTIVENESS. OUR FIRST PRESENTATION IS TO THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT. AND WE'D LIKE TO MAKE NOTE OF DEPUTY RICARDO



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1 VELASQUEZ, CUSTODY SERVICES DIVISION, ASSISTANT SHERIFF TERRY
2 MCDONALD, AND WE OFFER THESE INSIGHTS. DEPUTY RICARDO
3 VELASQUEZ IS THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
4 SHERIFF'S INMATE VIDEO VISITING SYSTEM PILOT PROJECT. UNDER
5 HIS LEADERSHIP, THE PROJECT WAS IMPLEMENTED ON TIME AND WITHIN
6 BUDGET AND HAS RESULTED IN BOTH BETTER VISITATION EXPERIENCES
7 BY THE PUBLIC AND NEW EFFICIENCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE
8 IMMEDIATE PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE HAS CAUSED THE EXPANSION OF THE
9 DAILY VISITING HOURS AND ACCELERATED THE PROCUREMENT OF
10 ADDITIONAL VIDEO HARDWARE. THE INMATE VIDEO VISITING SYSTEM
11 HAS AFFECTED THE VISITING PUBLIC INMATES, SHERIFF'S STAFF AND
12 BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ATTORNEYS IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS.
13 FIRST, RESERVATION SYSTEM ELIMINATES THE VISITING PUBLIC
14 STANDING IN LONG LINES. IT'S A GOOD THING. SECONDLY IT
15 VIRTUALLY GUARANTEES A VISIT AT A SCHEDULED TIME. THIRDLY, IT
16 REDUCES TRAVEL EXPENSE BY PLACING VIDEO UNIT FOR PUBLIC ACCESS
17 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY CURRENTLY IN PALMDALE, SAN DIMAS AND IN
18 LAKEWOOD. FOURTHLY, IT REDUCES MOVEMENT WITHIN THE JAILS,
19 WHICH ENHANCES INMATE AND STAFF SAFETY AND ALLOWS CUSTODY
20 STAFF TO BE REDEPLOYED AND THEREFORE CAPTURING EFFICIENCIES.
21 AND, FINALLY, ATTORNEYS MAY SCHEDULE EITHER FACE-TO-FACE OR
22 VIDEO VISITS WITH THEIR CLIENTS. SO WE WANT TO TAKE THIS
23 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOU JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING DEPUTY
24 RICARDO VELASQUEZ FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK. WE THANK YOU AND
25 GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] A SECOND



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1 PRESENTATION WE'D LIKE TO CALL FORTH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
2 SERVICES. AND THEY KNOW THEMSELVES AS THE MARTIN LUTHER KING
3 MULTIAMBULATORY CARE CENTER'S DREAM TEAM. GIVE THEM A BIG
4 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] THE DREAM TEAM RESTRUCTURED
5 APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING TO CREATE A PATIENT-FIRST MENTALITY.
6 THE TEAM EMBRACED THE PRINCIPLES LEARNED IN PATIENT-CENTERED
7 SCHEDULING. THAT'S A COLLABORATIVE. AND THEY INCORPORATED THEM
8 INTO THE PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME CONCEPT OF TEAM-
9 DIRECTED PATIENT CARE. THE TEAM FOCUSED ON ACCESSIBILITY,
10 ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CUSTOMER SERVICE. AND EACH MEMBER BROUGHT
11 WITH THEM A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE AND SKILL SET WHICH ALLOWED
12 THEM TO ACHIEVE THREE GOALS, BY INCORPORATING A PATIENT-FIRST
13 PERSPECTIVE, THE TEAM DEDICATED A SINGLE PHONE LINE FOR
14 PATIENTS CALLING TO SPEAK WITH A CLINICIAN OR TO INQUIRE ABOUT
15 UPCOMING APPOINTMENTS. THEY DEVELOPED AN ENHANCED SCRIPT FOR
16 APPOINTMENT CONFIRMATION CALLS AND CREATED A RIGOROUS
17 ALGORITHM TO HELP THEM DETERMINE WHICH PATIENTS WERE MOST
18 LIKELY TO KEEP THEIR APPOINTMENTS AND WHICH WERE LIKELY TO
19 CANCEL WITHOUT CALLING. AS A RESULT, THEY WERE ABLE TO REDUCE
20 THE NO SHOW RATE FROM 26 PERCENT TO LESS THAN 10 PERCENT. THE
21 TEAM PRIORITIZED PATIENT PREFERENCES FOR APPOINTMENT TIMES AND
22 WERE EVEN ABLE TO PROVIDE SAME-DAY ACCESS. THEY MONITORED THE
23 THIRD NEXT AVAILABLE APPOINTMENTS, AN INDUSTRY STANDARD MARKER
24 FOR APPOINTMENT ACCESSIBILITY. THE TEAM HAS BEEN ABLE TO
25 MAINTAIN A LAG TIME THAT IS CONSISTENTLY BELOW 14 DAYS FOR



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1 APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING. IN OTHER WORDS, WE APPLAUD THEM FOR
2 THE EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS THEY HAVE MADE AT THE MLK MACC AND
3 WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE DOLA CAROLI. JOHN
4 WENAY, SHIRLEY ENESCARO, AS WELL AS MARICELA ALVAREZ, LASHONDA
5 EDWARDS AND OF COURSE DR. MITCHELL KATZ WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE ENTIRE TEAM WHO WAS
7 HERE, THEY KNOW THEMSELVES AS THE DREAM TEAM. GIVE THEM A BIG
8 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THEY ARE L.A. STARS. [APPLAUSE.] ONCE AGAIN
9 A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THESE HARD WORKING M.L.K. EMPLOYEES
10 AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MORE
11 WORK IN THE FUTURE. SPECIAL PRESENTATION TODAY, WE'RE
12 DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
13 RECREATION, THE VENERABLE RUSS GUINEY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
14 AND TWO EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUALS CATARAH HAMPSHIRE AND SHONEJI
15 ROBISON. THEY COME FROM A NICE LITTLE OUTFIT WE KNOW AS, WHAT?
16 SOUTHERN GIRLS DESSERTS. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO CAUSE THEM TO BE
17 HERE. THEY ARE FOUNDERS OF THE LOS ANGELES AND SOUTH LOS
18 ANGELES-BASED DESSERT COMPANY, SOUTHERN GIRL DESSERTS SINCE
19 2007. MS. HAMPSHIRE AND MS. ROBISON STARTED SOUTHERN GIRL
20 DESSERTS IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS THAT LOS ANGELES
21 LACKED DESSERTS OFFERING DEDICATED SWEETS MADE POPULAR IN THE
22 SOUTH. THEY OPENED THEIR DOORS IN THE BALDWIN HILLS-CRENSHAW
23 PLAZA AND THEIR DELECACIES INCLUDE UNIQUE OFFERINGS: SWEET
24 POTATO PIE, NEAPOLITAN CUPCAKES WHICH HAVE BEEN FLYING OFF THE
25 SHELVES EVER SINCE. TODAY WE CELEBRATE OUR TWO LOCAL SOUTHERN



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1 GIRLS WHO ARE ALSO REIGNING CHAMPIONS, GET THIS, REIGNING
2 CHAMPIONS OF THE FOOD NETWORK'S ACCLAIMED CUPCAKE WARS. GIVE
3 THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] THEY'RE ALL THAT AND A
4 BAG OF CHIPS. BUT THEIR FAME DOES NOT END THERE. THEY HAVE
5 ALSO BEEN FEATURED ON L.A. SUGAR, AN ORIGINAL SPECIAL ON E,
6 THAT IS ENTERTAINMENT, NETWORK. WHILE MS. HAMPSHIRE AND MS.
7 ROBISON HAVE BECOME BAKING SUPER STARS, THEY STAY CONNECTED TO
8 THE HEART OF THEIR COMMUNITY BY EMPLOYING BAKERS, CASHIERS,
9 MAINTENANCE WORKERS, ALL FROM WITHIN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL
10 DISTRICT. THEY PROVIDE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS' WORTH OF DONATED
11 BAKED GOODS FOR CHARITIES AND EVENTS AND HAVE OPENED UP THEIR
12 BAKERY FOR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. SO WE TAKE
13 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT WHEN MS. HAMPSHIRE IS NOT BAKING,
14 SHE ABLY SERVES AS THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ASSISTANT FOR THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S SOUTH AGENCY. MANY OF YOU
16 HAVE RECOGNIZED HER, WHO IS AN ACCOMPLISHED; THAT IS MS.
17 ROBISON WHO IS AN ACCOMPLISHED ACTRESS WITH ACCOLADES ON STAGE
18 AND ON THE BIG SCREEN. SO TODAY WE CELEBRATE THESE TWO
19 IMPRESSIVE YOUNG WOMEN IN SOUTHERN GIRL DESSERTS' SUCCESS IN
20 SATIATING THE SOUTHERN PALATES OF CONSTITUENTS THROUGHOUT THE
21 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHY DON'T YOU JOIN ME IN GIVING THESE
22 SOUTHERN GIRLS A BIG, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEIR
23 INDUSTRIOUS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO THE COUNTY OF
24 LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **CATARAH HAMPSHIRE:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. WISH WE HAD
2 DESSERTS FOR EVERYBODY IN HERE TODAY. I'M CATARAH HAMPSHIRE,
3 AND LIKE HE SAID WHEN I'M NOT WITH SOUTHERN GIRL DESSERTS I'M
4 WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION. I REALLY ENJOY MY JOB THERE
5 THAT'S WHY I'M STILL HERE AFTER EIGHT YEARS. I WANT TO THANK
6 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
7 MY BOSS, RUSS GUINEY, AND JOE MENDOZA, FOR JUST SUPPORTING THE
8 DREAM OF SOUTHERN GIRL DESSERTS AND JUST BEING -- JOE BOUGHT
9 MY FIRST APRON WHEN I STARTED THE COMPANY IN 2006 AND '07 AND
10 JUST HAS ALWAYS BEEN SO SUPPORTIVE THEN. WE HAVE AN ENTIRE
11 CITY IN GREEN CLUB SPRINGS AND SARASOTA WATCHING ONLINE TODAY,
12 SO WE WANT TO THANK ALL THE SUPPORT FROM OUR FAMILY AND
13 FRIENDS AND THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES WHO HAVE JUST BEEN SO
14 SUPPORTIVE OF OUR BUSINESS. SHONEJI, DO YOU WANT TO SAY
15 SOMETHING?

16

17 **SHONEJI ROBISON:** JUST TO REITERATE WHAT CATARAH WAS JUST
18 SAYING. WE ARE SO THANKFUL TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY
19 BEHIND US. WITH THE NATIONAL ATTENTION THAT WE'RE RECEIVING,
20 IT'S NICE TO KNOW THAT LOCALLY HERE PEOPLE ARE STILL COMING IN
21 AND JUST GIVING US A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO CONTINUE AS WE
22 CHASE AFTER THIS DREAM OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE
25 BOARD WHO AWAITS THESE DELECTABLES THAT WE PRESENT THIS SCROLL



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1 TO SOUTHERN GIRL DESSERTS FOR THAT WHICH YOU HAVE DONE IN
2 ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND JOB TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT, THAT'S WHAT
3 YOU'RE DOING TODAY, WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY CAUSING US TO SHOW
4 RESTRAINT AND FINALLY THAT WHICH YOU WILL CONTINUE TO DO TO
5 MAKE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE
6 BY YOUR VERY CONTRIBUTIONS. YET AGAIN ANOTHER ROUND OF
7 APPLAUSE FOR THESE LOVELY YOUNG LADIES. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE ARE GOING TO INTRODUCE THE
12 NEW CORONER FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. DR. MARK FAJARDO,
13 HE IS FILLING SOME VERY LARGE SHOES BECAUSE THE PREVIOUS
14 CORONER WAS VERY CLOSE TO THE MEMBERS HERE, A QUALITY MAN FROM
15 A QUALITY FAMILY. PRIOR, AS I SAID, TO BECOMING L.A. CORONER,
16 DR. FAJARDO WAS THE CHIEF FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST IN RIVERSIDE
17 COUNTY WHERE HE PERFORMED OVER 5,000 AUTOPSIES AND OVER 350
18 HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS. HE HAD TESTIFIED AS AN EXPERT WITNESS
19 IN BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL COURT, AND HE'S A GRADUATE OF THE
20 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS. WE JUST WANT TO WELCOME YOU
21 TO THE COUNTY FAMILY, LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. WE
22 APPRECIATE YOUR PROFESSIONALISM AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A REAL
23 PRODUCTIVE LEADERSHIP. WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT THE CORONER'S
24 OFFICE HAS NOW BEEN FULLY ACCREDITED, AND WE'RE HERE TO ASSIST
25 YOU TO MAINTAIN THAT ACCREDITATION BECAUSE IT'S ONE OF THE



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1 MOST VITAL DEPARTMENTS THAT WE HAVE. MANY PEOPLE DON'T HEAR
2 ABOUT IT UNTIL SOME INCIDENT OCCURS IN A TRIAL OR SOME
3 CELEBRITY PASSES ON, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO AREN'T
4 CELEBRITIES WHO PASSED ON WHO NEED THAT SAME TYPE OF ATTENTION
5 AND CARE TO THEIR FAMILIES, AS WELL, AND WE'RE PROUD TO HAVE
6 THAT TRADITION BE CARRIED ON BY YOU. SO CONGRATULATIONS.

7 [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **DR. MARK FAJARDO:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
10 YOUR SUPPORT AND ALLOWING ME TO ACCEPT THIS WONDERFUL
11 POSITION. I WILL TRY MY BEST TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY. THANK YOU, BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS. ONCE AGAIN, MY APPRECIATION. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE TERRIER. THIS IS
16 LORI LEE. SHE IS 1 YEAR OLD, 12 MONTHS, LOOKING FOR A HOME.
17 ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT HER? 562-728-4610. SAY HI. ANYWAY, SHE'S
18 LOOKING FOR A HOME. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF BILL BECAUSE HE
19 ADOPTED ONE FROM AN ADOPTION. AND WE'RE PROUD OF YOU, BILL,
20 FOR THAT. WANT A FOURTH? ANYWAY, SO THIS IS LITTLE LORI LEE.
21 ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT HER?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE
24 PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA AT THIS
25 POINT. THERE WERE FOUR PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON ITEMS 5



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1 THAT THEY CALLED BY WAY OF MOTIONS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO
2 MOVE FORWARD. LORI MARTIN WISHED TO SPEAK ON ITEM 9. I TAKE
3 NOTE ARNOLD SACHS HAS LISTED EIGHT ITEMS THAT HE WISHES TO BE
4 HEARD ON. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HAS SEVEN ITEMS. MICHAEL KEENAN
5 HAS TWO ITEMS. AND JAMES FERRIS HAS ONE ITEM. THE NAMES THAT I
6 JUST CALLED, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, WE'D APPRECIATE IT.
7 IT'S YOUR TURN TO BE HEARD BY VIRTUE OF YOUR REQUEST TO DO SO.
8 MS. MARTIN, YOU MAY PROCEED.

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10 **LORI MARTIN:** GOOD MORNING.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING.

13

14 **LORI MRTIN:** I HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE CHAIR. IS THIS CONTRACT
15 FOR DEPENDENCY COURT REPRESENTATION FOR JUVENILES AS WELL?
16 BECAUSE IF THAT'S THE CASE, I DON'T FEEL THAT THE JUVENILES IN
17 L.A. COUNTY ARE BEING REPRESENTED BY THESE ATTORNEYS
18 CORRECTLY, NOR ARE THEIR RIGHTS BEING PROTECTED. AND I SPEAK
19 FROM EXPERIENCE AS AN INDIGENT-REPRESENTED PARTICIPANT IN
20 DEPENDENCY COURT WHERE MY SON'S REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED
21 THINGS THAT MY CHILD DIDN'T EVEN STATE AND THE DEPARTMENT HAD
22 TO OBJECT TO THE STATEMENTS OF MY OWN SON'S COUNSEL. SO I HAVE
23 CONCERNS WITH THIS CONTRACT. IS IT GOING TO BE OVERSEEING THAT
24 THE RIGHTS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE PROTECTED?

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AS IT RELATES TO ITEM NUMBER 9
2 IN YOUR FIRST QUESTION, DOES IT PERTAIN TO JUVENILES? THE
3 ANSWER TO THAT IS YES. THE SECOND THING YOU SHOULD KNOW IS
4 THIS ITEM HAS BEEN CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER THE THIRD. SO IT
5 WILL BE HEARD MORE FULLY THEN AND IS NOT ESSENTIALLY A
6 CONTRACT THAT WE'RE TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD; WE ARE CALLING FOR
7 A REVIEW OF THE EXISTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AS IT RELATES
8 TO THESE SPECIFIC ATTORNEYS. THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE MOTION
9 ARE SET FORTH IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE WOULD HAVE A REPORT BACK
10 FROM THE APPROPRIATE ENTITY; NAMELY, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
11 OFFICER'S OFFICE. AND THAT HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED THAT THE
12 BOARD WILL ACT ON THAT. AND WE WILL TAKE THE ITEM UP ON
13 SEPTEMBER THE NINTH.

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15 **LORI MARTIN:** ON THE NINTH.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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19 **LORI MARTIN:** OKAY.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
22 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, YOUR NAME, SIR?

23

24 **MICHAEL KEENAN:** MICHAEL KEENAN.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE PROCEED MR. KEENAN.

2

3 **MICHAEL KEENAN:** JUST TO POINT OUT. I ONLY WANTED TO SPEAK ON
4 THE ONE ITEM. I GOT CONFUSED. I THINK IT'S CS-2. I'M FROM
5 CLAREMONT AND I NOTICE THAT WE CAME ON BOARD IN THE COUNTY ON
6 OCTOBER 3RD, 1907. I'M PROUD OF THAT FACT. I JUST WANT TO
7 POINT OUT A FEW THINGS REGARDING THE WHITTIER HILLS AND
8 FRACKING. ANYTHING THAT SEEMS TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CLEAN
9 WATER ACT AT LEAST FEDERALLY I THINK IS SUSPECT AND COULD
10 ALMOST BY DEFINITION BE CONSIDERED A CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE. THEY
11 DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR -- THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE EXEMPTED DON'T
12 HAVE TO PAY ANY OF THOSE COSTS THAT WE HAVE OVER THE YEARS TO
13 ENFORCE A CLEAN WATER ACT. SO HOPEFULLY CALIFORNIA WILL BE A
14 LITTLE MORE FORCEFUL IN PROTECTING OUR WATER. THE SECOND THING
15 IS I NOTICE IN THE S.B.610 CALIFORNIA WATER CODE 10-9-12 THAT
16 ANY PROJECT MEANS -- AND THEY HAVE A SECTION DOWN THERE,
17 NUMBER 7, A PROJECT THAT WOULD DEMAND AN AMOUNT OF WATER
18 EQUIVALENT TO OR GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT OF WATER REQUIRED BY
19 A 500 DWELLING UNIT PROJECT. WHERE ARE THE WATER PLANS FOR ANY
20 OF THESE PLANS OR ANY OF THE FRACKING THAT'S ACTUALLY
21 SUPPOSEDLY TAKING PLACE, IF I TAKE THE WORD OF THEIR
22 SPOKESPEOPLE FROM THE OIL AND GAS? I WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S
23 ALREADY OCCURRED BEFORE WE EVEN GO FORWARD ON ANY FURTHER
24 FRACKING. AND SO I THINK A WARRANT IS -- A BAN OR A MORATORIUM
25 IS WARRANTED AT THE TIME. AND LET ME SEE -- [APPLAUSE.] PLUS



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1 THE WAY THEY PRESENTED THE PROPOSITION IN WHITTIER HEIGHTS
2 LAST ELECTION ON OIL AND GAS ROYALTIES, WELL THEY PRESENTED
3 THAT AS JUST SAME OLD SAME OLD WHEN FRACKING IS A TOTAL
4 DIFFERENT ANIMAL. AND I THINK THEY MIGHT BE QUALIFIED UNDER
5 THE RICO ACT FOR FRAUD. AND GIVEN THAT WE'VE BEEN IN A DROUGHT
6 FOR THE LAST 11 YEARS, I THINK THAT NO WATER SHOULD BE SHARED
7 UNTIL WE REALLY FIND OUT WHAT'S PLANNED AND WE DO THE
8 SCIENTIFIC KIND OF RESEARCH WE NEED. LET ME JUST CONCLUDE WITH
9 RONALD REAGAN. "I HAVE FAITH THAT GIVEN NOR THE STATE AND
10 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE MORE CAPABLE OF HANDLING THEIR OWN
11 AFFAIRS THAN THE BUREAUCRACY IN WASHINGTON." SO PLEASE PROTECT
12 OUR WATER AND OUR QUALITY OF LIFE, SIRS. THANK YOU FOR THIS
13 TIME.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
16 WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

17

18 **JAMES FERRIS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS,
19 MY NAME IS JIM FERRIS. I REPRESENT PENSKE. WE PROVIDE SAFETY-
20 SENSITIVE MAINTENANCE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
21 FLEET TODAY. WE'RE AN APPROVED VENDOR THAT MEETS ALL THE PROP
22 A AND LIVING WAGE REQUIREMENTS. AND I CAME TODAY TO SPEAK ON
23 ITEM 18, WHICH YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU. I UNDERSTAND IT'S BEEN
24 MOVED TO SEPTEMBER, BUT I'D STILL LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT. I.S.D.
25 IS ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO TAKE OVER OVER 750 FIRE DEPARTMENT



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1 VEHICLES UNDER THEIR MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND TO GIVE THAT WORK
2 TO A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR, G4S. WE AT PENSKE ARE INTERESTED IN
3 THIS BUSINESS. WE FEEL WE'RE UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE
4 SERVICES ON SAFETY-SENSITIVE VEHICLES. AND WE'RE CONCERNED
5 THAT A CONTRACT THAT'S OVER A MILLION DOLLARS IS BEING OFFERED
6 UP WITHOUT A COMPETITIVE BID. AND I JUST SIMPLY WANTED TO
7 STATE THAT WE'RE INTERESTED IN THIS BUSINESS AND WE'RE OPEN TO
8 MEETING WITH EITHER THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OR INTERNAL SERVICES
9 TO OFFER WHAT WE THINK WOULD BE A MORE COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL
10 WITH MORE LOCATIONS AND FACILITIES TO SERVICE THE LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

12
13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
14 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST THINK WE SHOULD HAVE STAFF TO BE PREPARED
17 TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION AT SOME POINT. WHY WASN'T IT PUT OUT
18 TO BID?

19
20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM HAS BEEN CONTINUED. AND
21 WITH THAT IN MIND, PLEASE ANTICIPATE A RESPONSE PRIOR TO THAT
22 TIME. PRECISELY. ALL RIGHT? THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
23 TESTIMONY. WE'LL PROCEED WITH THE NEXT PERSON WHO WISHES TO BE
24 HEARD.



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1 **JAMES FERRIS:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** DR. CLAVREUL?

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5 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

6 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WILL START WITH NUMBER 14 ABOUT THE

7 I.B.M. CONTRACT WHICH IS AGAIN INCREASED FOR SIX MORE YEARS.

8 THAT WAS ORIGINAL CONTRACT WHERE I.B.M. COULD INCREASE BY 25

9 PERCENT WITHOUT COMING BACK TO THE BOARD. IT WOULD BE NICE TO

10 KNOW IF THAT EVER OCCURRED BECAUSE AT THE TIME, THE 100

11 MILLION CONTRACT, 25 PERCENT OF THAT WOULD BE 25 MILLION

12 DOLLARS. SO THAT WOULD BE EXTREMELY INTERESTING TO KNOW WHAT

13 HAS HAPPENED TO THAT ISSUE. ON ITEM 15 AND 16, I'M VERY

14 CONCERNED ABOUT ALL THE CONTRACTS WE ARE DOING ON INFORMATION

15 TECHNOLOGY, ESPECIALLY SOME OF THEM DEFINITELY NOT THE BEST ON

16 THE MARKET. ON ITEM 21, I WAS NOT SURPRISED WHEN I SAW THAT

17 WONDERFUL ARTICLE THIS MORNING ABOUT M.L.K. INPATIENT TOWER

18 WILL REQUEST AN ADDITIONAL 32 MILLION AND MANY, MANY MORE

19 MONTHS TO BE COMPLETED. YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT, YOU

20 KNOW, CONSTANTLY ASKING ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON ABOUT M.L.K.

21 CONSTRUCTION. I HAVE REQUESTED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF

22 INFORMATION ACT MINUTES OF MEETING AND SO ON. AND IT'S

23 UNBELIEVABLE THAT WHEN THE MEDIA TRY TO CONTACT ANY OF YOU,

24 NONE OF YOU RESPONDED. YOU KNOW, I HAVE REALLY LOOKED AT

25 WHAT'S GOING ON AT M.L.K. AND SOMETHING VERY, VERY WRONG GOING



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1 ON. AND THEY'RE RELUCTANT TO SHOW MINUTES OR NOTES OF ANY OF
2 THE MEETINGS IS UNBELIEVABLE. AND I HOPE THAT SOMEONE IN HIGH
3 AUTHORITY WILL DEMAND AN AUDIT OF WHAT HAS GONE ON IN M.L.K. I
4 HOPE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY DO SOME AUDIT OF WHAT IS GOING
5 ON BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MILLIONS. AND ALL OF A SUDDEN
6 AS A GROUP WE MERGE, WHICH I HAVE NEVER HEARD ABOUT, M.L.K.
7 PARTNER A JOINT VENTURE. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE JOINT VENTURE,
8 OH WE DECIDE TO REALLY BE TOGETHER AND USE THAT NAME. THERE IS
9 NO DOCUMENT. THERE IS NO LEGITIMATE DESCRIPTION OF THAT GROUP.
10 AND I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT JACOB (INAUDIBLE) IS INVOLVED
11 WITH IT BECAUSE I USED TO KNOW MR. JACOBS VERY WELL. AND I'M
12 SURE HE'S PROBABLY DOING JUMPING JACKS OF WHAT'S GOING ON. FOR
13 YOU NOT TO HAVE KNOWN OF THE COST AND OF CONTINGENCY WHERE THE
14 PUBLIC'S TAX MONEY IS NOT GOING TO BE SPENT, AGAIN I DEMAND TO
15 HAVE RESPONSE TO MY FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, THANK YOU.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. I
20 DID HOLD SEVERAL ITEMS. I HELD ITEM NUMBER 1 AS AN APPOINTMENT
21 TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE. AND I WAS WONDERING IF THEY COULD
22 START OUT BASICALLY ON THE ITEMS THAT YOU JUST HAD THE ON YOUR
23 AGENDA REGARDING D.C.F.S. AND THE ADDITION OF WORKERS, NEW
24 HIRES BECAUSE IT WAS MENTIONED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH THAT
25 650 POSITIONS WERE FUNDED, BUT YOU'RE HIRING 150 NEW



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1 EMPLOYEES. SO MAYBE THEY COULD AUDIT WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE
2 500 UNFILLED BUT FUNDED POSITIONS? MAYBE THEY COULD TAKE IT A
3 STEP FURTHER BECAUSE THE COUNTY CONSISTS OF 42 DIFFERENT
4 DEPARTMENTS. MAYBE EACH ONE OF THEM, AS THE HEAD OF D.C.F.S.
5 SAID, THEY NEED TO MAINTAIN A NUMBER UNDER THEIR BUDGET FOR
6 THEIR DEPARTMENT. SO MAYBE EACH ONE OF THEM HAS 500 UNFILLED,
7 FUNDED POSITIONS. 42 TIMES 500, THAT'S 20,000. THAT'S QUITE A
8 FEW GHOSTS YOU GOT FLOATING AROUND AT THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS. THEN I HELD ITEM 21, ALSO. IT'S ACTUALLY 56
10 MILLION DOLLARS IN CHANGES. SO I'M WONDERING WHAT THE COUNTY
11 IS DOING WITH ITS CONSULTANT. YOU KNOW, WE JUST HAD A BIG BLOW
12 ABOUT LAWA AND ITS CONSULTANTS. AND THEY SPENT FOUR BILLION
13 DOLLARS ON RENOVATIONS RECENTLY. I HELD ITEM 25. IT REFERS TO
14 LOCAL HIRING FOR A PROJECT THAT'S FIVE MILLION DOLLARS SO I
15 WAS WONDERING IF IT WOULD FALL UNDER THE AUSPICES OF YOUR NEW
16 ORDINANCE. BUT THEN IT MENTIONS FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT OF FOUR
17 MILLION DOLLARS. SO IF FEDERAL MONEY IS INVOLVED, THEN IT
18 DOESN'T FALL UNDER THE AUSPICES OF YOUR LOCAL HIRING
19 ORDINANCE. AND THERE WAS JUST A STORY ABOUT THE NEW
20 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE COUNTY IS A LITTLE OVER NINE PERCENT,
21 SO BASED ON YOUR ORDINANCE FOR LOCAL HIRING TO KICK IN, IT
22 WOULD ALMOST BE TWENTY-NINE PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE
23 COUNTY. I HELD ITEM 37. IT'S EXCESSIVE FORCE PAYMENT. AND I
24 WAS WONDERING IF THAT WAS ONE OF THOSE ITEMS, INCIDENTS THAT
25 MIGHT HAVE OCCURRED UNDER THE FORMER UNDERSECRETARY UNDER



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1 SHERIFF MR. TANAKA BECAUSE HE'S PROMISING TO CHANGE THE
2 STATUTE OR THE DIRECTION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND IN
3 THAT VEIN, BACK IN JANUARY 15TH OF 2013, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
4 ALSO MADE AN AMENDMENT REGARDING LOCAL WATER. AND HE MENTIONED
5 THAT OVER 103 BILLION DOLLARS HAS BEEN SPENT, AND SINCE 1956,
6 1.6 TRILLION DOLLARS HAS BEEN SPENT. SO I WAS WONDERING IF YOU
7 COULD COME UP WITH A NUMBER THAT'S BEEN SPENT, OH, I DON'T
8 KNOW, LET'S SAY IN THE LAST 20 YEARS, WHAT'S BEEN SPENT ON
9 EXCESSIVE FORCE PAYOUTS BY THE COUNTY IN THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO THE PUBLIC'S NOTICE.
15 YEAH, THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE SHALL PROCEED TO
18 THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA BEFORE US. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
19 PLEASE?

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, THESE
22 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. ON ITEM S-2, THIS ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED
23 TWO WEEKS, ITEM NUMBER 1 IS BEFORE YOU, ITEM NUMBER 9 WILL BE
24 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, ITEM NUMBER 14 IS BEFORE YOU, 15 IS
25 BEFORE YOU, 16 IS BEFORE YOU, ITEM NUMBER 18 IS CONTINUED TWO



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1 WEEKS, 21 IS BEFORE YOU, 25 IS BEFORE YOU, 37, 39-C AND 39-D,
2 THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT 21 BE HELD. I HAVE A
5 COUPLE OF QUESTIONS I WANT TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT. 21.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE HOLDING 21
8 NOW?

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THEN LET PROCEED TO THE BALANCE
13 OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE BEING HELD.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I NEED A MOTION ON THE LAST ITEM.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE IT.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WAS THAT
20 YOU?

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TO MOVE ALL OF THE ITEMS THAT
25 WERE JUST READ WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 21. SUPERVISOR



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1 YAROSLAVSKY MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. SEEING NO
2 OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THEN ON ITEM NUMBER 2, ON THIS
5 ITEM, I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE
6 IT?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET'S HOLD IT ON THE DESK.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S JUST MOVE
11 FORWARD WITH THOSE ITEMS. PLEASE RECORD SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
12 AS AN EXTENSION AND CONSIDER MY VOTE A COURTESY VOTE TO
13 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND MOLINA. PROCEED.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO MOVED.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO OBJECTION.

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THEN THERE ARE A FEW
20 ITEMS THAT ARE BEING HELD. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO CALL UP
21 ITEM NUMBER 21 NOW.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S PROCEED WITH THAT ITEM.
24 THE BALANCE OF THE ITEMS ARE?

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NUMBER 21, 22 AND 39-B BEFORE
2 WE GET INTO THE SET ITEMS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'LL GO THROUGH ADJOURN ITEMS?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S TAKE THE SPECIALS FIRST IN
7 TERMS OF THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS. IS THAT YOUR REQUEST? WE
8 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY OF THE THIRD DISTRICT.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN,
11 FIRST I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROGER
12 KOZBERG WHO WAS A PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
13 AS WELL AS A PAST MEMBER OF THE -- AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE
14 COLISEUM COMMISSION DURING THE EARTHQUAKE AND POST-EARTHQUAKE
15 REBUILD WHERE HE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION AS A MEMBER OF THE
16 COLISEUM COMMISSION. ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN CHARITIES,
17 THE MUSIC CENTER AND AMONG OTHER THINGS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
18 WIFE, JOANNE, DAUGHTER LINDSAY, SON ANTHONY AND HIS BROTHER
19 MARTIN. I'D ALSO LIKE THE BOARD TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
20 ALEX FRIEDMAN WHO PASSED AWAY THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY. ALEX
21 IS THE FATHER OF ANDREW FRIEDMAN WHO MANY OF US KNOW. ALEX
22 FRIEDMAN WAS A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR WHO LIVED TO THE RIPE OLD
23 AGE OF 93 AND PASSED AWAY AFTER AN ILLNESS. I ASK THAT WE
24 ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** SO ORDERED.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM 39-B, MR.
4 ANTONOVICH IS HOLDING IT? "B" AS IN BOY, YEAH.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED TO 39-
7 B.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE HELD IT.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR, ALL OF US WHO WERE BORN AND RAISED
12 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN HAD OUR
13 FIELD TRIPS TO THE PAGE MUSEUM, THE LA BREA TAR PITS. THAT WAS
14 ALWAYS PART OF OUR CURRICULUM. THEN GROWING UP AND FINDING OUT
15 THAT THIS IS NOT JUST A LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM THAT'S
16 APPRECIATED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS BUT ONE RECOGNIZED WORLDWIDE AS
17 A VERY IMPORTANT, VITAL PART OF THE CULTURAL HISTORY OF OUR
18 COUNTY THAT IS SHARED WITH OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD. NOW, WE
19 READ IN THE PAPER, WHICH IS A SHAME IT WAS NOT A BOARD
20 PRESENTATION BEFORE ALL FIVE MEMBERS SO THAT THE PUBLIC WOULD
21 HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE WE ARE TELEVISED, THAT A
22 REDESIGN OF THE CURRENT LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART IS
23 GOING TO REMOVE SOME BUILDINGS, PROPOSING, REMOVING SOME
24 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING A LARGER AND MODERN MUSEUM BUILDING.
25 NOW WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE



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1 PROCESS, AND THAT'S WHY I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD
2 HAVE HAD THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON THAT EARLIER. SORRY TO SAY
3 THAT WE HAVE AN ARCHITECT WHO IS NOT FROM THE COUNTY OR STATE
4 BUT ONE FROM ABROAD, FROM EUROPE, WHO IS GOING TO DESIGN THIS.
5 AGAIN, IT'S ONE THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE AN
6 OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THIS DESIGN IN A PUBLIC FORUM. THE BOARD
7 HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN THIS COURTESY OF A BRIEFING, AND
8 CONSEQUENTLY THE BROADER PUBLIC HAS NOT HEARD ABOUT THE NEW
9 PLANS, EVEN THOUGH THERE HAS BEEN A PRESS REPORT AND SOME
10 ARTICLES IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS. TODAY WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR IS A
11 DEBRIEFING TO NOT ONLY LET THE ENTIRE BOARD KNOW WHAT IS
12 PLANNED BUT TO GIVE THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN. THE
13 SPECIFIC ISSUE THAT BROUGHT THIS TO MY CONCERN WAS THE CONCERN
14 OF THE PAGE MUSEUM HAS HAD WITH THE REDESIGN OF FOUR CENTRAL
15 BUILDS OF THE MUSEUM. THE LA BREA TAR PITS AND THE ADJACENT
16 VEGETATION WOULD BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE BUILDING
17 DESIGN. THE PAGE MUSEUM HAS CONCERNS WITH PROTECTING THE TAR
18 PITS AND VEGETATION FROM THE BLOCKING OF LIGHT, RAIN,
19 CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS AND OTHER ELEMENTS THAT COULD AFFECT THE
20 AREA. SO THE MOTION THAT WE HAVE IS BASICALLY A FOUR-WEEK --
21 ASKING IN FOUR WEEKS TO HAVE THIS COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH
22 A REPORT FROM THE C.E.O. AND THE MUSEUM AS TO WHAT IMPACTS ARE
23 GOING TO BE SO THAT THE PAGE MUSEUM AND THE MUSEUM OF ART BE
24 ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS IN A PUBLIC FORUM BEFORE THE FIVE



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1 SUPERVISORS WHO REPRESENT THE 10 MILLION CITIZENS OF OUR
2 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
5 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST OF ALL I APPRECIATE MR. ANTONOVICH'S
8 INCREDIBLE INTEREST IN THINGS WELL BEYOND HIS DISTRICT, BUT
9 HE'S ENTITLED. JUST AS I'M INTERESTED IN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER
10 IN YOUR DISTRICT FROM TIME TO TIME. BUT IN ALL SERIOUSNESS,
11 THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN WIDELY DISCUSSED. EVERY MEMBER OF THIS
12 BOARD HAS BEEN INVITED TO THE MUSEUM TO SEE THE MODEL, WHICH
13 CAN'T BE BROUGHT TO THIS PLACE BECAUSE IT'S TOO BIG. THERE
14 WERE THREE NIGHTS SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WHERE EACH OF US WAS
15 INVITED. SOME OF YOUR STAFFS WERE THERE. OTHERS COULD NOT MAKE
16 IT. THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC FORUMS, SEVERAL OF THEM.
17 SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN TELEVISED AND BROADCAST ON RADIO.
18 THERE'S BEEN CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ABOUT IT. AND I KNOW THAT
19 THE COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE WOULD LIKE
20 NOTHING BETTER THAN TO WELCOME EACH MEMBER OF THIS BOARD OR
21 THE STAFFS OF THIS BOARD TO COME AND SEE THE FULL SCALE MODEL
22 OF WHAT THEY HAVE IN MIND. THAT'S NUMBER ONE. THE FACT THAT
23 THIS HAS NOT BEEN -- THERE HAS NOT BEEN A PRESENTATION TO THE
24 BOARD IS A FUNCTION, I SUPPOSE, OF TWO THINGS: ONE, THE MODEL
25 IS TOO BIG TO BRING HERE, SECOND, IT'S IN A VERY PRELIMINARY



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1 STAGE. BUT ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS WERE WELCOME TO COME. MIKE, I
2 DON'T THINK YOU'VE BEEN THERE IN QUITE SOMETIME, BUT YOU'RE
3 WELCOME. AND I'M SURE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUSEUM WILL
4 ARRANGE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE FOR A COMPLETE BRIEFING SO THAT
5 YOU CAN SEE THE MODEL. I DON'T THINK THEY WOULD HAVE -- NOBODY
6 WOULD HAVE IF THE BOARD WANTS TO MAKE THE TIME TO HAVE MR.
7 GOVEN COME HERE AND GIVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION, I THINK
8 THAT WOULD BE A WONDERFUL IDEA, IF THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO
9 DOWN THE LINE. THE ISSUE OF THE TAR PITS IS AN ISSUE THAT IS
10 OF AS MUCH CONCERN TO ME AS IT IS TO THE NATURAL HISTORY
11 MUSEUM AND IT IS AS MUCH CONCERN TO THE COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART
12 AS IT IS TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM. AND THEIR CHALLENGE
13 AND OUR CHALLENGE COLLECTIVELY IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ALL
14 WORKING TOGETHER. THOSE TWO MUSEUMS SHARE THAT CAMPUS. THERE'S
15 BEEN A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT ON THAT CAMPUS OVER THE LAST 10, 15
16 YEARS. ALL OF IT HAS BEEN DONE ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVELY
17 WITHOUT DAMAGE TO EITHER THE COUNTY MUSEUM OR THE NATURAL
18 HISTORY MUSEUM OR THE PAGE MUSEUM OR THE TAR PITS AND THAT'S
19 NOT GOING TO CHANGE. I THINK THERE IS A COMMITMENT ON THE PART
20 OF BOTH MUSEUMS TO WORK TOGETHER. AND THEY CERTAINLY WILL DO
21 SO UNDER MY AUSPICES. AND THEY SHOULD AVAIL THEMSELVES OF MY
22 SERVICES IN THAT REGARD. MUSEUM LEADERS SHOULD TRY TO WORK
23 TOGETHER AND NOT RUN TO THE PRESS BEFORE THEY TALK TO ME OR
24 THE BOARD OR ANYBODY ELSE IF THAT'S AN ISSUE OF CONCERN. SO I
25 AM FULLY EXPECTING THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE A COLLABORATIVE



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1 PROCESS. WE'RE HARDLY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS. THIS IS
2 YEARS AWAY. BUT, MR. CHAIRMAN, IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
3 A PRESENTATION, I'M CERTAINLY ALL FOR IT. WHETHER IT'S IN FOUR
4 WEEKS OR WHENEVER IT'S CONVENIENT FOR ALL PARTIES CONCERNED,
5 I'LL LEAVE THAT TO THE BOARD SECRETARY TO WORK OUT. IN THE
6 MEANTIME, I DON'T THINK YOUR MOTION IS REQUIRED, MIKE, TO BE
7 QUITE FRANK. I THINK IF WE HAVE A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE A
8 REPORT TO THE BOARD ON THE CURRENT PLANS OF THE MUSEUM, THAT
9 SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT. AND WE'LL SCHEDULE THAT AS SOON AS IT'S
10 PRACTICAL FOR ALL CONCERNED. SO I WOULD ASK THAT -- I WAS
11 GOING TO ASK THAT THE MATTER BE CONTINUED, BUT I THINK MIKE
12 HAD A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE LACMA COME HERE AND MAKE A
13 PRESENTATION EVEN IF IT'S A VERBAL POWERPOINT PRESENTATION, I
14 THINK THAT WOULD BE A GOOD THING. AND I'M SURE WE'LL ALL BE
15 PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION WHEN THAT POWERPOINT IS PRESENTED. SO I
16 WOULD ASK THAT THE MATTER -- I WILL OFFER A SUBSTITUTE MOTION
17 TO THE ONE THAT'S ON THE GREEN SHEET, THAT THIS MATTER BE
18 CALENDARED -- THAT THE PLANS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE
19 COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD AT A TIME
20 CERTAIN TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD SECRETARY AND THE CHAIR
21 WHEN IT'S CONVENIENT FOR THE PEOPLE INVOLVED AND MAKE THAT
22 PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE MOTION SPECIFICALLY STATES
25 -- WOULD DIRECT THE LACMA AND THE PAGE MUSEUM ADMINISTRATOR TO



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1 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 40 DAYS WITH AN ANALYSIS ON
2 THE CONSTRUCTION FOR THAT REDESIGN OF THOSE FOUR BUILDINGS. SO
3 WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR COMING BACK IN 45 DAYS, IT COULD BE EVEN
4 LESS, FOR THIS REPORT. SO, MR. CHAIRMAN, JUST AS WHEN WE DID
5 THE M.L.K. HOSPITAL OR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY MACC, WE DIDN'T ALL
6 GO DOWN TO THE HOSPITAL IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY OR IN SOUTH
7 CENTRAL TO HEAR IT. WE HAD PUBLIC HEARINGS HERE THAT ALLOWED
8 PEOPLE TO COME. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SAYING HERE. WHEN THE
9 PAGE MUSEUM PEOPLE WHO ARE THERE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, BASICALLY,
10 HAVE CONCERNS, THEY SHOULD COME TO THIS BOARD IN A PUBLIC
11 FORUM. AND THAT'S ALL WE'RE ASKING FOR. THAT POWERPOINT COULD
12 HAVE BEEN DONE IN THE PAST, AND IT SHOULD BE DONE AS WE'RE
13 SAYING. SO THAT SHOULD INCLUDE WITHIN 45 DAYS BY COMING HERE
14 WITH THE PAGE ADMINISTRATOR SO WE COULD HAVE FULL DISCUSSION.
15 AND THERE WILL BE MANY DISCUSSIONS ALONG THE WAY. BUT LET'S
16 BEGIN WITH HAVING OPENNESS AND NOT HAVING PEOPLE HAVE TO GO TO
17 ONE SPECIFIC LOCATION. THEY CAN COME TO THE HALL
18 ADMINISTRATION AND THIS IS PUBLICIZED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
19 AND OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTIES VIA TELEVISION AND WITH THE MEDIA
20 WHO ARE HERE. SO ALL THE MOTION IS ASKING FOR THAT WE HAVE
21 THIS IN 45 DAYS.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. THE MOTION IS ASKING FOR MORE THAN THAT.
24 THE MOTION IS ASKING FOR SOMETHING THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO BE
25 PRESENTED IN 45 DAYS, AND THAT'S DETAILS ABOUT THE IMPACTS ON



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1 THE TAR PITS. THAT HASN'T EVEN BEGUN TO BE ANALYZED AND I
2 DON'T THINK YOU WANT IT TO BE ANALYZED NOW.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN THEY CAN PUT THAT-

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HOLD ON JUST A MOMENT. GO AHEAD
7 AND FINISH, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK YOU WANT IT TO BE ANALYZED
10 NOW.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY CAN GIVE US THEIR-

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, JUST A
15 MOMENT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS THE FLOOR AND I'LL BE GLAD
16 TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU WHEN HE'S DONE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO GIVE YOU THE
19 DETAIL THAT YOU ASKED FOR IN THE MOTION. WHAT I'M SUGGESTING,
20 MR. ANTONOVICH, IS THAT IF YOU WANT A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF
21 THE PROJECT, THAT WE ASK THEM TO COME IN THE NEXT 45 DAYS, 60
22 DAYS, 30 DAYS, WHATEVER WORKS OUT CALENDAR-WISE AND DO THAT
23 AND MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT
24 THEY HAVE ANY INFORMATION, THEY CAN SHARE IT WITH US. BUT
25 THEY'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE THE INFORMATION YOU CALLED FOR IN



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1 THE MOTION. THAT'S JUST NOT GOING TO BE POSSIBLE. THAT'S WHAT
2 THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PROCESS WILL BE. WE'RE GOING
3 TO HAVE HEARINGS ON THIS PROJECT LONG AFTER WE'RE ALL GONE
4 ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS. AND THE DETAILS OF THE
5 PROJECT AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT PROCESS ACCOMPANIES THAT
6 PERMITTING PROCESS. WE'RE YEARS AWAY FROM THAT. SO I KNOW YOU
7 SAW AN ARTICLE IN THE TIMES. I KNOW IT WAS ON THE FRONT PAGE.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I TALKED TO PEOPLE FROM THE MUSEUM.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SURE THE MUSEUM TALKED TO YOU ABOUT IT.
12 AND THEY'VE TALKED TO EVERYBODY BUT THE SUPERVISOR OF THE
13 DISTRICT ABOUT IT. THAT'S NOT THE WAY TO DO BUSINESS AROUND
14 HERE. AT LEAST ONE MUSEUM. AND SO WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST IS --
15 AND I'M GOING TO MAKE THIS AS A CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION --
16 THAT WE HAVE A PRESENTATION BY LACMA ON THE STATUS OF THEIR
17 PROJECT. AND THEN YOU CAN PEPPER THEM WITH ALL THE QUESTIONS
18 YOU HAVE. IF THEY HAVE ANSWERS TO THEM AT THAT POINT, THEY CAN
19 ANSWER THEM; IF THEY CAN'T, THEY'LL TELL YOU THEY CAN'T.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR
22 ANTONOVICH. THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS DOES NOT SAY THAT THE FINAL ANALYSIS OF
25 THE FINAL DESIGN HAS BEEN ALREADY DONE. ALL IT ASKS FOR IS AN



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1 ANALYSIS OF THE DESIGN THAT'S BEING DISCUSSED RIGHT NOW SO YOU
2 HAVE THAT INPUT. THIS DOES NOT PREVENT THIS TYPE OF FREE FLOW
3 OF INFORMATION, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF
4 THE PAGE MUSEUM TO ALSO MAKE THE REPORT SO THAT WE KNOW AHEAD
5 OF TIME WHAT POTENTIAL PROBLEMS COULD EXIST OR THERE PERHAPS
6 ARE NO PROBLEMS THAT ARE GOING TO BE EXISTING AND THE TWO
7 MUSEUMS CAN WORK IN A COMPATIBLE FASHION AS THEY HAVE DONE IN
8 THE PAST. BUT THERE IS NO -- THIS IDEA THAT BECAUSE ONE
9 SUPERVISOR HAS THIS BUT NOBODY ELSE CAN MAKE THE INPUT REALLY
10 PALES IN COMPARISON WHEN I CAN GO BACK TO THE RECORD AND TALK
11 ABOUT ITEMS THAT EACH OF US HAVE SAID ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S
12 DISTRICT ITEMS THAT THEY HAVE INPUT ON AND DEVELOPED
13 ALTERNATIVES TO, SOLUTIONS OR HOW POLICY OUGHT TO BE DONE. SO
14 IT GOES FROM THE ARBORETUM TO THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, TO ALL OF
15 THEM. THIS IDEA THAT WE'RE GOING TO WRAP OUR ARMS AROUND ONE
16 AND NOBODY CAN TOUCH IT, THAT'S THE MENTALITY OF THE CITY OF
17 L.A. AND THAT'S WHY THE CITY OF L.A. ENDS UP WITH 15 GOING
18 EVERY WHICH WAY WHILE THE OTHER 87 CITIES MOVE FORWARD. I
19 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE PRESENTATION HERE. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
20 PAGE ALSO WITH THEIR INPUT SO WE HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO
21 HEAR BOTH SIDES BEFORE WE MOVE ON. AND WE WILL BE MOVING ON.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO ASK THAT WE CONTINUE THIS FOR
24 FOUR WEEKS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE REQUEST OF 39-B
2 IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MAKES AN ADDITIONAL
3 REQUEST, WHICH IS TO HAVE A PRESENTATION BEFORE THE BOARD
4 OFFERED BY LACMA TO GIVE A FULLER PRESENTATION OF WHAT IT IS
5 THAT THEY ARE PROPOSING. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I DO NOT SEE
6 FUNDAMENTAL CONFLICT IN WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED BY BOTH
7 SUPERVISORS. SO LET ME SAY WHAT I THINK THE POINT OF
8 COMMONALITY IS, NAMELY, THAT WE SEEK MORE INFORMATION SO THAT
9 THE TWO ENTITIES UNDER CONSIDERATION, BOTH THE NATURAL HISTORY
10 MUSEUM AS WELL AS LACMA, BOTH THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AS
11 WELL AS LACMA, BOTH INSTITUTIONS FOR WHICH THIS BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS HAS BOTH REGARD AND RESPONSIBILITY ARE
13 CONTRIBUTING TO THE CULTURAL DEPTH AND EXPANSE OF THE REGION.
14 THEY DO THAT IN AN EXTRAORDINARY WAY, BOTH OF THOSE
15 INSTITUTIONS DO. THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY AT A POINT OF SOME
16 DIFFERENCE OF OPINION. THE EFFORT HERE IS TO BRING TO THE FULL
17 LIGHT OF DAY WITHIN A REASONABLE MANNER WHAT THE BOARD AS A
18 WHOLE AND TO THE EXTENT DEEMED APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC SHOULD
19 INDEED BE ENTITLED TO. AND SO THE REQUEST FOR A PRESENTATION
20 SOMETIME OVER THE NEXT 30 TO 45 DAYS MAKES SENSE. MEMBERS OF
21 THE BOARD, I WISH TO MAKE THIS CLEAR. WHAT ANY ENTITY CANNOT
22 PROVIDE OWING TO TECHNICAL REASONS CAN BE AND SHOULD BE SO
23 INDICATED PURSUANT TO FORMAL COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD. IT IS
24 PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE THAT A REQUEST MIGHT BE MADE BY ANY
25 MEMBER OF THE BOARD. AND IT WOULD BE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD. AND



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1 THROUGH FURTHER DISCUSSION AND CLARIFICATION IT IS MADE CLEAR
2 THAT IT CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED AT A GIVEN POINT IN TIME. IT IS
3 THE SUGGESTION OR THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAIR THAT THAT BE
4 SO INDICATED IN A FORMAL MANNER SHOULD THAT BE THE CASE BY THE
5 ENTITIES WHO ARE BEING REQUESTED TO MAKE SUCH A PRESENTATION.
6 THE ADDITIONAL POINT THAT I WANT TO MAKE IS THE FOLLOWING:
7 WHATEVER WOULD COME FORWARD BY WAY OF PRESENTATION IN THE NEXT
8 30 TO 45 DAYS CAN AND APPROPRIATELY WOULD BE SEEN AS
9 PRELIMINARY. IT DOES NOT PRECLUDE OUR ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL
10 INFORMATION OR ADDITIONAL PRESENTATION AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.
11 IN THE INTERIM, YOU CAN FULL WELL EXPECT THAT THERE WILL BE
12 MANY CONVERSATIONS SEEKING TO RECONCILE WHATEVER EXISTING
13 DIFFERENCES MAY CURRENTLY BE IN PLAY. A NUMBER OF US ARE SO
14 MOTIVATED. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, WE WANT TO
15 MAKE SURE THAT BOTH LACMA AS WELL AS THE L.A. COUNTY MUSEUM OF
16 NATURAL HISTORY ARE FULLY EFFECTIVE AND ENDOWED TO DO THE BEST
17 WORK IN A WAY DEEMED TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF EACH OTHER AND
18 COMPLIMENTARY OF THE RESPECTIVE EFFORTS THAT THEY SEEK TO
19 ACCOMPLISH. SO LET ME OFFER A CONSIDERATION THAT WE SCHEDULE A
20 PRESENTATION SOME 30 TO 45 DAYS FROM TODAY, MADAM EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER, AND EFFECTIVELY RECONCILING THE BEST OF THE CONCERNS
22 THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED BY THE MOTION AS WELL AS THE INPUT BY
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REGARDING THE PRESENTATION THAT CAN
24 COME TO THE BOARD. AND I THINK IF WE WERE JUST TO THE PROCEED
25 ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL FIND THAT WE ARE NOT VIOLENTLY OPPOSED TO



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1 EACH OTHER ON THIS MATTER. IS THERE ANY SUBSTANTIAL RESISTANCE
2 TO MY ATTEMPT TO BRING RESOLUTION TO THE ITEM BEFORE US?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND I WILL SECOND YOUR
5 MOTION.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ZEV AND I BOTH SECOND THAT MOTION.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN PROPERLY
10 MOVED AND SECONDED. WE'LL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. WE THANK BOTH
11 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND OF COURSE
12 SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY BEARING AND
13 CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCUSSION AT HAND. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I WOULD LIKE A TRANSCRIPTION OF
16 EVERYTHING YOU SAID, MR. CHAIRMAN. SO THAT I MAKE SURE I KNOW
17 WHAT I JUST VOTED ON.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** DO YOU WANT ME TO KEEP IT GOING? I KNOW HOW TO ADD
20 FUEL.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. LET'S JUST
23 SIMPLY SAY IT WORKED. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I THINK THAT YOU WERE ON
2 ADJOURNMENTS AND SPECIALS.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, GOING BACK TO THE LAST --
7 NO, I'M JUST KIDDING.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIR, I APOLOGIZE. AN ADDITIONAL
10 ADJOURNING MOTION. EXCUSE ME. I WANT TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
11 IN MEMORY OF LEON SAVITCH, A FORMER LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR
12 COUNTY AND PROMINENT ATTORNEY AND JURIST IN THE OUR COUNTY WHO
13 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. HE HAD BEEN A SENIOR PARTNER AT THE LOS
14 ANGELES LAW FIRM OF BUCHALTER, NEMER, FIELDS AND SAVITCH UNTIL
15 HE WAS APPOINTED IN 1980 BY THEN GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN TO THE
16 SUPERIOR COURT BENCH. HE WAS WELL-RESPECTED IN THE LOS ANGELES
17 COMMUNITY PARTICULARLY IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION. HE IS SURVIVED
18 BY HIS WIFE FRAN SAVITCH WHO WAS MY OPPONENT IN MY FIRST CITY
19 COUNCIL ELECTION. WE BECAME GOOD FRIENDS THE MORNING AFTER.
20 AND HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, RHONDA AND DOROTHY AND A GRANDDAUGHTER
21 ABIGAIL.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS. I JUST WANTED TO
5 BE ADDED TO THE ROGER KOZBERG MOTION.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL MEMBERS. DEAR FRIEND, HE AND THE FAMILY.
10 ACTUALLY LINDSEY USED TO INTERN IN OUR OFFICE MANY YEARS AGO.
11 HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL OF US AND EVERYONE THAT KNEW
12 HIM. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DONALD SANFORD, A
13 LONGTIME RESERVE ASSISTANT SHERIFF WITH OUR SHERIFF'S
14 DEPARTMENT AND FATHER OF BRIAN SANFORD, OUR HACIENDA HEIGHTS
15 TOWN SHERIFF, WHO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 11TH. HE IS SURVIVED
16 BY HIS WIFE, DORIS, HIS TWO SONS, DEPUTY JOHN SANFORD OF THE
17 TRAINING BUREAU AND DEPUTY BRIAN SANFORD OF THE INDUSTRY
18 STATION AS WELL AS DAUGHTER JULIE. SO ORDERED. I'M GOING TO BE
19 PUTTING AN URGENCY MOTION FOR THE NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA ON
20 S.B.594. IT COULD HAVE A BIG IMPACT ON THE COUNTY AND C.S.A.C.
21 SO I WILL BE PUTTING THAT MOTION ON THE AGENDA. MR. CHAIRMAN,
22 THAT'S MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE
25 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY ALSO OF ROGER KOZBERG, AS HAS



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1 PREVIOUSLY BEEN MENTIONED. ROGER AND HIS WIFE HAVE BEEN A
2 WONDERFUL ASSET TO OUR COUNTY, STATE AND NATION. JOANNE
3 SERVING IN THE WILSON ADMINISTRATION AND ROGER SERVING AGAIN
4 IN GOVERNOR WILSON'S APPOINTEES. HE WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
5 CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF
6 NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND BOARD MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA
7 SCIENCE CENTER. HE AND JOANNE WERE QUITE INVOLVED IN
8 REPUBLICAN PARTY ACTIVITIES BOTH LOCALLY, STATE AND
9 NATIONALLY. AND HE WAS A GOOD ROLE MODEL, ALWAYS HAD A SMILE,
10 AND HAD A GREAT LOVE OF HIS FAMILY AND OF HIS COMMUNITY. SO
11 IT'S A REAL LOSS. ALSO IN MEMORY OF MONSIGNOR THOMAS DOYLE WHO
12 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. HE WAS ORDAINED AT THE AGE OF 24
13 AND SERVED AS A PRIEST FOR 59 YEARS, MUCH OF THAT TIME FOR ST.
14 JAMES THE LESS CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LA CRESCENTA. BEFORE
15 ARRIVING AT ST. JAMES HE HAD SERVED PARISHES IN NECCA, SAN
16 GABRIEL, NORWALK, AND WILMINGTON. MICHAEL O'CALLAGHAN,
17 RESIDENT OF LA CANADA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 49. HE HAD A
18 DOCTORATE FROM LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL. HE WAS A PROMINENT ATTORNEY
19 IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND HIS
20 CHILDREN. SYLVIA LOUISE PRIOR PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91 ON
21 AUGUST 9TH. SHE TAUGHT ACCORDIAN AND PIANO FOR NEARLY 60
22 YEARS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO DAUGHTERS AND HER SISTER,
23 AND HER NEPHEWS. AND SHE WAS MY PIANO TEACHER, I SHOULD SAY MY
24 ACCORDIAN TEACHER WHEN I WAS LIKE FIVE YEARS OLD, WHICH I
25 HATED, AND WAS VERY GLAD WHEN I QUIT THE LESSONS AFTER GIVING



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1 MY FAMILY THE UNDERSTANDING THAT I WAS NOT AN ACCORDIAN PLAYER
2 BUT REMAINED FRIENDS WITH THE FAMILY. THE PRIORS ARE VERY
3 WONDERFUL. AND IT WAS INTERESTING THAT TIME THAT THE CIGARETTE
4 COMMERCIAL PHILIP MORRIS WITH THE LITTLE JOHNNY, THE AD, HE
5 WAS A FRIEND OF THEIRS THAT WOULD BE OVER THERE FROM TIME TO
6 TIME. AND HE WAS ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS I WAS. BOBBY CONLAN,
7 HE WAS A TELEVISION DIRECTOR AT K.C.A.L. AND K.C.B.S. HE IS
8 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE FELICIA, WHO MANY OF US KNOW HAD BEEN
9 INVOLVED IN MANY LOS ANGELES COUNTY ACTIVITIES. HE PASSED AWAY
10 ON AUGUST 6TH. AND HE LEAVES FELICIA AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN.
11 ALEX FRIEDMAN PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 17TH AT THE AGE OF 92. HE
12 WAS A SURVIVOR OF THE HOLOCAUST, EVENTUALLY MADE HIS WAY TO
13 AMERICA AFTER ESCAPING HUNGARY DURING THE HUNGARIAN
14 REVOLUTION. HE WENT ON TO ACQUIRE SEVERAL CONVENIENCE STORES
15 USING THE MONEY HE SAVED DURING HIS TIME AS A TYPEWRITER
16 REPAIRMAN. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON ANDREW AND HIS
17 GRANDSON. HE WAS A GOOD MAN. HE WAS JUST A VERY POSITIVE,
18 DEVOTED TO HIS FAMILY AND HIS SON ANDREW LOVED HIM VERY MUCH,
19 AS HIS GRANDSON HAVE. SO HE'S A GOOD ROLE MODEL. RUSSELL
20 DOEHRER PASSED AWAY AUGUST 7TH, RETIRED DEPUTY WITH THE LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WITH
22 THE PERSONNEL BUREAU. DARLENE FINK OF SANTA CLARITA, PASSED
23 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE WORKED AS A REALTOR AND ESCROW
24 OFFICER AND SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE DOMESTIC
25 VIOLENCE CENTER AND WAS A 35-YEAR MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT OF



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1 THE SOROPTOMISTS WOMEN'S CLUB. LAWRENCE TROSTLE, RETIRED
2 SERGEANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
3 THOSE ARE MY MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN. I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN
4 THE FOLLOWING. "ONE, RESIDENT IN THE COMMUNITY OF COVINA, THE
5 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF COVINA, HAS EXPRESSED A CONCERN OF
6 SPEEDING ON VIA VERDE STREET BETWEEN HOLT AVENUE AND COVINA
7 HILLS ROAD RECENTLY DUE TO HAZARDOUS WASTE SPILL DUE TO A
8 SPEEDING TRUCK THAT OVERTURNED. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD
9 DIRECT THE PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION
10 STUDY TO DETERMINE THE ALTERNATIVES TO SLOWING THE TRAFFIC ON
11 VAL VERDE STREETS TO SAFE SPEEDS INCLUDING CONDUCTING AN
12 ENGINEERING TRAFFIC SURVEY TO ALLOW THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY
13 PATROL TO ENFORCE THE SPEED LIMITS USING RADAR EQUIPMENT AND
14 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS." THAT'S A REPORT
15 BACK, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE TAKE NOTE OF THE REQUEST FOR
18 REPORT BACK. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE
19 ORDER.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, "THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
22 THROUGH THE OFFICE OF CHILDCARE CONTINUES TO RECOGNIZE THE
23 IMPORTANCE OF HIGH QUALITY EARLY CARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL
24 FAMILIES THAT NURTURES CHILDREN, HEALTHY GROWTH AND EARLY
25 LEARNING, FOSTERS SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING AND



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1 STRENGTHENS COMMUNITIES. SOME PARENTS UNKNOWINGLY UTILIZE
2 LICENSED CHILDCARE HOMES OR DAYCARE CENTERS THAT PROVIDE
3 SUBSTANDARD WORK DUE TO THE LACK OF A COUNTYWIDE PROCESS TO
4 EFFECTIVELY RATE SUCH SERVICES. THE OFFICE OF CHILDCARE
5 CURRENTLY OVERSEES TWO DIFFERENT CHILDCARE QUALITY RATING
6 SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE PARENTS WITH INFORMATION ON THE QUALITY OF
7 INDIVIDUAL CHILDCARE AND DISTINGUISH PROGRAMS THAT MEET HIGHER
8 STANDARDS AND PROVIDE BENCHMARKS TO DETERMINE THE QUALITY OF
9 CARE. HOWEVER, BOTH SYSTEMS ARE SO SMALL IN SCOPE THAT THEY
10 REACH LESS THAN 5 PERCENT OF THE CURRENT CHILDCARE HOMES OR
11 DAYCARE CENTERS IN OUR COUNTY. WE APPROXIMATELY HAVE 500
12 PROVIDERS OUT OF APPROXIMATELY 11,000 IN THE COUNTY. SO IN
13 ADDITION, NEITHER SYSTEM HAS ACHIEVED PUBLIC AWARENESS TO
14 PERFORM FOR AN INFORMED PARENTAL DECISION. AS EVIDENCED BY THE
15 COUNTY'S RESTAURANT AND NURSING HOME GRADING SYSTEMS, WHICH MY
16 OFFICE INITIATED, WIDESPREAD RATING PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED
17 CONSISTENT STANDARDS AND MAKE RATINGS AND INSPECTION REPORTS
18 READILY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. IN ADDITION, THESE PROGRAMS
19 INCENTIVIZE FACILITIES TO ESTABLISH HIGHER QUALITY STANDARDS
20 AND BETTER MANAGED PRACTICES. THE COUNTY OUGHT TO ASSESS THE
21 FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A COUNTY-WIDE RATING SYSTEM TO
22 INCLUDE ALL LICENSED CHILDCARE HOMES OR DAYCARE CENTERS WHICH
23 PARENTS COULD RELY UPON FOR AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF THE
24 FACILITIES. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. IN
25 COLLABORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDCARE IN THE SERVICE



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1 INTEGRATION BRANCH TO REPORT BACK IN 45 DAYS ON THE
2 FEASIBILITY, INCLUDING SCOPE, PARAMETER, STRUCTURE OF TIMING
3 AND COST OF DEVELOPING A COUNTY-WIDE RATING SYSTEM PROGRAM
4 SIMILAR TO THE RESTAURANT AND NURSING HOME RATING SYSTEM THAT
5 WE CURRENTLY HAVE." SO THAT'S A REPORT BACK IN 45 DAYS, MR.
6 CHAIRMAN.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT SAYS 60 DAYS ON THE MOTION.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW. I'M SAYING 45 DAYS. WE JUST HAD
11 ANOTHER SERIOUS PROBLEM WHERE A CHILD INGESTED A LARGE AMOUNT
12 OF MARIJUANA IN A PRESCHOOL IN MY DISTRICT IN LA CRESCENTA.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE REQUEST IS FOR A REPORT BACK
15 IN 45 DAYS PURSUANT TO THE MOTION ENTERED BY SUPERVISOR
16 ANTONOVICH. ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION AS IT
17 BECOMES BEFORE US FOR THE REPORT BACK?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE THE
22 ORDER. ALL RIGHT. ANY FURTHER, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? DONE?
23 ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS?

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU MEAN ON THE HEALTH?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NUMBER? ALL RIGHT. THANK
3 YOU. I WANT TO, ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I ASK THAT WE
4 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RAUL R. PALACIOS WHO PASSED ON AUGUST THE
5 12TH. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT AND RETIRED FROM
6 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER. HIS
7 FAMILY HAS A RICH HISTORY IN THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION, FIGHTING
8 WITH PANCHO VILLA, HE LOVED TO TRAVEL, ENJOYED MUSIC AND
9 FAMILY GATHERINGS. MR. PALACIOS IS SURVIVED BY FIVE CHILDREN,
10 LETICIA, THERESA, PETER, RICHARD AND ROBERT. HIS GRANDCHILDREN
11 AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. RAUL R. PALACIOS
12 ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA. ON BEHALF OF SEVERAL
13 INDIVIDUALS WHO WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE IN TERMS OF THEIR
14 PASSING, MAY I BEGIN WITH ABBIE SCOTT OWENS, BORN IN 1929 IN
15 WARSAW, NORTH CAROLINA. SHE PASSED ON AUGUST THE 13TH. MOVED
16 TO COMPTON OVER 50 YEARS AGO AND BEGAN HER CAREER IN M.L.K.
17 HOSPITAL IN HOUSEKEEPING. SHE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RECORDS
18 DIVISION WHERE SHE ULTIMATELY RETIRED AFTER 20 YEARS OF
19 SERVICE. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER PASSION FOR COOKING,
20 TRAVELING AND SERVING GOD AND HER UNCONDITIONAL LOVE FOR HER
21 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. MRS. OWENS IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN,
22 JACQUELINE, VINCENT, MONICA, RAFAEL, HER SISTER WILLIE MAE,
23 TWELVE GRANDCHILDREN, SEVEN GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY
24 FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL INDEED MISS HER. COMMISSIONER NATE
25 RIDDICK, HE PASSED ON AUGUST 13TH, HE SERVED ON THE SECOND



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1 DISTRICT AS AN APPOINTEE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION
2 ON OLDER ADULTS. HE ATTENDED THE CURTIS SCHOOL OF MUSIC IN
3 PHILADELPHIA, THE U.S. NAVY SCHOOL OF MUSIC, THE U.S. DEFENSE
4 LANGUAGE INSTITUTE AND THE CAL STATE LONG BEACH UNIVERSITY
5 MAJORING IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE. HE RETIRED AS A U.S. ARMY CHIEF
6 WARRANT OFFICER AFTER 20 YEARS IN ACTIVE DUTY AND WAS ALSO
7 RETIRED FROM THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A
8 LIEUTENANT. HE BECAME AN ADVOCATE FOR SENIORS AND THE DISABLED
9 AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS. COMMISSIONER RIDDICK
10 WAS ONE OF 65 SENIORS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR WILSON TO
11 REPRESENT CALIFORNIA SENIORS. HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF
12 DIRECTORS FOR THE CENTER FOR HEALTHCARE RIGHTS AND WAS THE
13 PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PARKS AND
14 RECREATION COMMISSIONERS AND SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY OF
15 CARSON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. MR. REDDICK WILL BE
16 REMEMBERED FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. HE
17 IS SURVIVED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL INDEED MISS HIM
18 UPON HIS PASSING. FINALLY, SENATOR PAT WIGGINS, OUR FORMER
19 STATE SENATOR, SHE PASSED ON AUGUST THE 15TH AT THE AGE OF 73.
20 SHE WAS A NATIVE OF CALIFORNIA. WAS ELECTED TO THE SANTA ROSA
21 CITY COUNCIL IN 1994. SENATOR WIGGINS HELPED STRENGTHEN LOCAL
22 LAWS THAT RESTRICTED GROWTH WITHIN A DEFINED CITY'S AREA.
23 1998, SHE WAS ELECTED TO THE STATE ASSEMBLY. AND THEN
24 REPRESENTING AT THAT TIME, NAPA, SALANO AND SONOMA COUNTIES.
25 TWO YEARS LATER SHE WON ELECTION TO THE STATE SENATE. SHE WAS



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1 KNOWN TO BE THE VANGUARD OF A NEW PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT IN THE
2 COMMUNITY AND A LEADING ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES THAT ENCOURAGED
3 SMART GROWTH. HER ADVOCACIES FOR CALIFORNIA'S SIGNATURE WINE
4 INDUSTRY IS LEGENDARY AMONG GROWERS AND WINE PRODUCERS.
5 SENATOR WIGGINS ALSO STRUGGLED WITH A HEARING DISABILITY AND
6 OVERCAME THIS OBSTACLE BY REPRESENTING OTHERS WITH SIMILAR
7 CHALLENGES. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS AN EXTRAORDINARY LEADER
8 AND FRIEND FOR HER PUBLIC SERVICE, FOR HER COURAGE, FOR HER
9 GRACIOUSNESS AND HER THOUGHTFULNESS. SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND
10 GUY AND MANY FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. WE'LL MISS HER
11 DEARLY. SERVED IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE. SHE SERVED AS MY SEAT
12 MATE IN THE SENATE. AND WE REMEMBER HER FONDLY AND SEND OUR
13 CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY. I'D LIKE TO JOIN AND I THINK IT
14 WOULD BE ALL MEMBERS IN THE CASE OF ROGER KOZBERG, A PRINCE OF
15 A GUY IN TERMS OF HIS SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY.
16 THE OBITUARY IN THE L.A. TIMES SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. IT RESONATES
17 WITH MANY MUCH US THAT KNEW ROGER. AND WE SEND OUR REGARDS TO
18 HIS WIFE AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING
19 MOTIONS, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. ALL RIGHT. SO WE HAVE A FEW
20 (OFF MIC) THAT THEY WISH TO TAKE UP AT THIS POINT IN TIME. ALL
21 RIGHT. WE HAVE 22. AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU HAVE 21.
22 PROCEED, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, THE
25 BOARD HAD APPROVED FUNDING FOR THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS



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1 PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDED NEARLY 22 MILLION DOLLARS OF CAPITAL
2 INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES TO THE DEPARTMENT HEALTH SERVICES
3 FACILITIES. UPON SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT
4 OF PUBLIC WORKS, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE ACTUAL ESTIMATE
5 FOR THE COST IS NOT NEARLY 22 MILLION DOLLARS BUT CLOSER TO 45
6 MILLION DOLLARS WITH AN ADDITIONAL COST ON TOP OF THAT. SO
7 TODAY NOW WE'RE BEING ASKED TO APPROVE ANOTHER 11 MILLION
8 DOLLARS IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO INSTALL LONG LEAD TIME ITEMS
9 SUCH AS THE UNINTERRUPTED POWER SUPPLY BATTERIES AND AIR
10 CONDITIONING SYSTEMS. BUT THIS DOES NOT REPRESENT, AGAIN, THE
11 TOTAL CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS
12 PROJECT. SO THE COST OVERRUN RAISES ANOTHER SERIOUS QUESTION
13 ABOUT THE DUE DILIGENCE EXERCISED IN PROJECTING COSTS FOR OUR
14 CAPITAL PROJECTS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD. SO THE QUESTIONS
15 WOULD HAVE TO BE WHY THE C.E.O. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
16 SERVICES FAILED TO CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
17 ON THE CONSTRUCTION ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT RELATIVE TO THE
18 PROJECTED COSTS BEFORE PRESENTING IT TO INITIAL FUNDING
19 REQUEST TO THE BOARD. AND IF THE BOARD APPROVES THIS LETTER
20 TODAY, WHAT WOULD BE THE TOTAL COST OF THIS PROJECT SO FAR AND
21 WHEN WOULD THAT BOARD BE PROVIDED WITH THIS FIRM COST
22 ESTIMATE?

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24 **ANISH MAHAJAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS ANISH
25 MAHAJAN, I'M DIRECTOR OF SYSTEM PLANNING AT D.H.S. ON THE



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1 QUESTION ABOUT THE CHANGE IN THE ESTIMATE FOR THE CAPITAL
2 PROJECT, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT WHEN THE DEPARTMENT
3 WAS DEVELOPING THE R.F.P. AND THE PLANS FOR BRINGING IN A
4 VENDOR TO DO THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD, LOCAL FACILITY
5 EXPERTISE WAS BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
6 PROPOSAL AS IT RELATED TO THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES. AND AT
7 THAT TIME THERE WEREN'T ANY DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDIES DONE.
8 THAT CAME LATER, AS YOU POINT OUT, WHEN THE R.F.P. WAS
9 COMPLETED AND A VENDOR WAS BROUGHT IN AND THEN THE SCOPE OF
10 THE ENTIRE PROJECT WAS BETTER UNDERSTOOD. ONCE THE SCOPE OF
11 THE E.H.R. PROJECT, AFTER THE VENDOR HAD COMPLETED THE
12 PROPOSER STAGE, WAS BETTER UNDERSTOOD, AT THAT TIME THE NEED
13 FOR MORE DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDIES WAS IDENTIFIED AND
14 D.P.W. PERFORMED THOSE STUDIES AND THEN NOTED THAT THERE WAS
15 ADDITIONAL WORK HERE THAN WAS ORIGINALLY PREDICTED.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, C.E.O. AND
18 PUBLIC WORKS TOGETHER PLAN THIS PROPOSAL?

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20 **ANISH MAHAJAN:** AT THE STAGE OF WHEN THE R.F.P. WAS DEVELOPED
21 AND THE E.H.R. PROJECT WAS BEING PLANNED AT THAT EARLIEST
22 STAGE IT WAS REALLY JUST DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
23 RESOURCES AND EXPERTISE LOOKING AT THE INFRASTRUCTURE. SO THE
24 VERY BEGINNING BEFORE A VENDOR WAS SELECTED, BEFORE THE TRUE
25 SCOPE OF THE PROJECT WAS COMPLETED, IT WAS ONLY THE DEPARTMENT



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1 WORKING ON IT. ONCE THE VENDOR WENT THROUGH THE PROPOSER
2 PROCESS AND THE VENDOR WAS SELECTED AND EVERYBODY HAD A BETTER
3 SENSE OF THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH BUILDINGS
4 WOULD NEED TO BE SET UP FOR ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD, ONCE
5 THOSE DETAILS WERE DETERMINED, AT THAT POINT THE C.E.O.,
6 D.P.W., AND D.H.S. TOGETHER PERFORMED THE DETAILED FEASIBILITY
7 STUDIES WHICH THEN UNCOVERED, AS YOU'VE SEEN, AND YOU'VE
8 NOTED, QUITE RIGHTLY, THAT THERE WERE GOING TO BE ADDITIONAL
9 EXPENSES TO DEVELOP THE INFRASTRUCTURE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD IT NOT BE WISER IF THE THREE DID IT
12 TOGETHER INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
13 BEGINNING ON THEIR OWN AND THEN BRINGING IN THE C.E.O. AND
14 PUBLIC WORKS?

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16 **ANISH MAHAJAN:** I THINK YOUR SUGGESTION IS PROBABLY CORRECT
17 THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A GOOD IDEA TO BRING IN C.E.O. AND
18 D.P.W.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T KNOW WHY THAT'S NOT ALWAYS OUR
21 POLICY. THIS IS ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT I HAVE WITH NEW
22 GOVERNANCE, OKAY? THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE. AND HERE WE'RE
23 LOOKING AT A COST FROM 21 MILLION UP TO NOW 45 MILLION AND
24 GROWING. SO WE'RE NOT BRINGING IN THE PEOPLE TO TALK
25 BEFOREHAND. WE'RE GETTING IT PIECEMEAL AND THEN HAVING TO PAY



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1 FOR THESE ADDITIONAL COSTS. AND IT SEEMS TO ME WE NEED TO HAVE
2 MORE COLLABORATION AND WORKING TOGETHER AND SHARING THAT
3 INFORMATION, THEN BRINGING IT TO US INSTEAD OF EACH IN YOUR
4 OWN SILOS. IT DOESN'T WORK.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S JUST A HUGE MISS, YOU KNOW, DOUBLE THE
7 COST. THAT'S JUST NOT RIGHT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, EXACTLY. HOW DO WE KNOW THERE ARE NOT
10 GOING TO BE ADDITIONAL COST INCREASES?

11

12 **ANISH MAHAJAN:** IF I MAY, SUPERVISOR. I AGREE WITH YOUR GENERAL
13 SENTIMENT. AND I THINK ONE OF THE ADDITIONAL FACTORS THAT
14 RELATED TO HIGHER COSTS CAME IN SORT OF WHAT DR. KATZ HAD
15 INDICATED A MONTH OR SO BACK DURING HIS A.C.A. REPORT THAT
16 WHEN THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES WERE CONDUCTED AND WALLS WERE
17 BROUGHT DOWN AND WE GOT TO THE STAGE OF KNOWING THAT WE HAD A
18 PROJECT AND WE WERE GOING TO GO FORWARD, THERE WERE THINGS
19 UNCOVERED -- AND MY D.P.W. COLLEAGUE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAY MORE
20 ABOUT THIS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PENCIL STILTS IN THE WALLS AND
21 THINGS THAT WE WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WITH A CURSORY FEASIBILITY
22 STUDY THAT WITH GOING TO POTENTIALLY DRIVE THE COSTS UP
23 HIGHER. I THINK THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE FUNDING REQUIRED TO
24 MEET THIS ADDITIONAL COST WOULD BE WITHIN THE EXISTING 359
25 MILLION APPROPRIATION. SO I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE



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1 HAVE. AND THEN FURTHER STUDIES ARE BEING CONDUCTED AT IN POINT
2 TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH MORE THERE'S GOING TO NEED TO BE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO I WOULD MAKE A MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT
5 THE ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK AND DIRECTING THE C.E.O. TO
6 REVIEW THE ASSESSMENT OF PROJECTED COSTS WITH A REPORT BACK ON
7 HOW WE COULD IMPROVE THE ACCURACY OF FUNDING REQUESTS
8 PRESENTED TO THE BOARD.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NOTED. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
11 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IS THERE ANY FURTHER
12 DISCUSSION OR QUESTIONS TO BE ENTERTAINED ON THE ITEM BEFORE
13 US? ANY CLARIFYING ITEMS HERE? MR. FUJIOKA, ANY CLARIFYING
14 ISSUES AT THIS POINT? ANY CLARIFYING ISSUES AT THIS POINT?

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16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NO. WE HEARD THE DIRECTION. WE'LL COME BACK AT
17 THE REQUESTED TIME.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHTY. THANK YOU
20 VERY MUCH. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE? I
21 BELIEVE ITEM 21 IS BEFORE US AT THIS POINT, CORRECT?
22 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HELD THE ITEM.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS MR. GAILY HERE?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** DR. GAILY?

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DR. GAILY, I'M SORRY.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** DR. GAILY, YOU ARE BEING CALLED
6 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS HE IN THE BUILDING?

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MR. CHAIR? DR. GAILY IS NOT HERE TODAY BECAUSE
11 BEFORE YOU IS THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. AND SO THE PRINCIPALS
12 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WOULD BE BOTH OUR
13 OFFICE AND THEN WE HAVE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BEHIND
14 THIS. THIS IS NOT THE OPERATING AGREEMENT. THIS IS SOLELY THE
15 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER THAT WE HAVE WITH HENSEL
16 PHELPS AND WHAT WE'LL SPEAK TO TODAY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
17 IS JUST THAT, THE CHANGE ORDER, WHAT DROVE IT AND THE NEED TO
18 FINISH THE CONSTRUCTION ON THIS PROJECT. BUT ALSO RECOGNIZING
19 THAT THE AGREEMENT WE HAVE WITH HENSEL PHELPS, THAT WE HOPE TO
20 GIVE FINAL APPROVAL TODAY IS CRITICAL TO FINISHING THIS
21 PROJECT, WELL ESSENTIALLY FINISHING THIS PROJECT. I HAVE
22 PUBLIC WORKS HERE IN CASE THERE ARE OTHER QUESTIONS.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T THEY MAKE THE PRESENTATION? THE
25 REASON I WANTED DR. GAILY HERE IS BECAUSE THE IMPLICATIONS



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1 THAT THIS HAS FOR THE LONG-TERM FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN
2 US AND THE HOSPITAL. IF THE OVERALL INCREASED COSTS OF THIS
3 PROJECT HAVE NOW CAUSED THE DEBT SERVICE OVER TIME TO GO FROM
4 13 SOMETHING, 13-PLUS MILLION TO 18 PLUS MILLION ANNUALLY, AND
5 HE HAD, AT THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD, SENT US AN EXPLANATION OF
6 THAT AND WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THAT ARE, AND I HAD SOME
7 QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT MEMORANDUM.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND. I THINK THAT DISCUSSION
10 CONTINUES. AND WE'RE TRYING TO BRING CLOSURE TO THAT. AND
11 WE'RE HAVING A DISCUSSION LATER THIS AFTERNOON ON IT. WHAT
12 WE'RE TRYING TO ACHIEVE NOW IS, IN BASIC TERMS, WE'RE TRYING
13 TO FINISH THE BUILDING.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT PIECE OF IT. AND I DON'T
16 HAVE A QUARREL WITH THAT. BUT I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO
17 DISCUSS THIS PIECE OF IT, TOO. IN FACT, THERE'S A CLOSED
18 SESSION ITEM SET IN THE EVENT WE WANTED TO DISCUSS IN THE
19 CONTEXT OF THE POTENTIAL LITIGATION WHATEVER THE REAL ESTATE
20 PIECE OF THIS, I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO BE HERE TO DISCUSS
21 IT. BUT MAYBE IT WAS MY MISUNDERSTANDING. BUT I'D LIKE TO AT
22 LEAST HEAR FROM THE STAFF IF WE OUGHT TO HAVE A PUBLIC
23 DISCUSSION ABOUT WHY WE'RE HERE.

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND, YES, ON THE CLOSED SESSION I WILL BE
2 TALKING ABOUT -- EXCUSE ME, SIR.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE QUESTION OF DR. GAILY'S
5 RESPONSE TO WHAT WAS REQUESTED OF HIM EARLIER, THERE WAS
6 SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION THAT WAS
7 FORTHCOMING.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE WAS.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ARE YOU IN RECEIPT OF THAT?

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND YOU'D LIKE TO FOLLOW-UP ON
16 THAT?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXACTLY.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. FUJIOKA, ARE YOU IN RECEIPT
21 OF THAT DOCUMENT, AS WELL?

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23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I DON'T HAVE THAT IN FRONT OF ME.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S MAKE SURE YOU
2 ARE IN RECEIPT OF THAT AND THAT IN REAL TIME. NOW THE BOARD
3 MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE THAT IN FRONT OF THEM FOR THE BALANCE OF
4 THE DISCUSSION. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ARE YOU PREPARED TO
5 MOVE FORWARD WITH ITEM 21 OR IS THERE FURTHER DISCUSSION YOU
6 NEED TO ENTERTAIN?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WILL. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A
9 PRESENTATION FROM PUBLIC WORKS.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE REQUEST IS FROM
12 PUBLIC WORKS TO MAKE A PRESENTATION ON THE MATTER.

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14 **GAIL FARBER:** GOOD MORNING, GAIL FARBER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.

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16 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** JACOB WILLIAMS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

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18 **DAVID HOWARD:** DAVID HOWARD, ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

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20 **GAIL FARBER:** BRIEFLY, THE ITEM BEFORE YOU IS THE REQUEST FOR
21 THE BUDGET AUGMENTATION AND APPROVAL OF TWO CHANGE ORDERS
22 NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE M.L.K. INPATIENT TOWER RENOVATION
23 PROJECT THROUGH CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION AND SPECIFICALLY WE
24 ARE RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD APPROVE AN INCREASE IN THE
25 PROJECT BUDGET FROM 252,430,000 TO 284,430,000 AND APPROVE THE



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1 ASSOCIATED CHANGE ORDERS TO RESOLVE DISPUTED ISSUES INVOLVING
2 DESIGN-RELATED CHANGES UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS AND DELAYS ON THE
3 PROJECT. FOUR YEARS AGO THIS MONTH THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE
4 LAUNCH OF THE CRITICAL M.L.K., I.P.T. RENOVATION PROJECT WITH
5 AN EXTREMELY AGGRESSIVE SCHEDULE AND URGENCY OR RESTORING
6 ACCESS TO CRITICAL MEDICAL CARE FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. THE
7 COUNTY TEAM MADE SEVERAL DECISIONS TO MANAGE PROJECT RISK
8 GIVEN THE EXPEDITED DELIVERY REQUIREMENT. FIRST THE COUNTY
9 TEAM CHOSE DESIGN BUILD AS THE PROJECT DELIVERY METHOD TO
10 REDUCE THE DELIVERY TIME AND TO BETTER MANAGE RISK COMPARED TO
11 DESIGN BID BUILD AND LOW BID CONTRACT METHOD. AND THE TEAM
12 SELECTED HENSEL PHELPS AS ONE OF THE PREMIER DESIGN BUILDERS
13 ON THE WEST COAST. SECOND THE COUNTY TEAM CHOSE RENOVATION OF
14 THE IN-PATIENT TOWER AND OTHER CAMPUS BUILDINGS INCLUDING THE
15 CENTRAL PLANT AS THE PROJECT STRATEGY TO FURTHER REDUCE
16 DELIVERY TIME AND SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE COSTS COMPARED TO
17 DEMOLISHING CAMPUS FACILITIES AND BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL FROM
18 SCRATCH. THIRD THE TEAM PERFORMED 30 MILLION DOLLARS OF SITE
19 PREPARATION WORK USING JOB ORDER CONTRACTS TO MITIGATE THE
20 RISK OF UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT SITE
21 PRIOR TO BID. DURING THIS TIME, MAJOR PORTIONS OF THE I.P.T.
22 BUILDING AND OTHER CAMPUS BUILDINGS INCLUDING CENTRAL PLANTS
23 WERE OCCUPIED AND BEING USED TO SERVE THE CAMPUS. FOURTH, THE
24 TEAM SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF
25 PRIORITY PROJECT STAFFING AND SUPPORT WITH OSHPOD TO EXPEDITE



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1 PROJECT PLAN REVIEWS AND APPROVALS. DESPITE A VERY AGGRESSIVE
2 EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE PROJECT TEAM TO MITIGATE THE RISK OF
3 UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT SITE, MANY OF
4 THESE CONDITIONS WERE NOT DISCOVERED PRIOR TO BID. BECAUSE OF
5 THE LIMITED ACCESS TO CERTAIN AREAS OF THE BUILDINGS THAT WERE
6 OCCUPIED DURING MUCH OF THE DESIGN PHASE, HENSEL PHELPS
7 ENCOUNTERED NUMEROUS CHALLENGES WITH UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS
8 DURING CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING ELECTRICAL, EMERGENCY POWER
9 CONDUITS THAT DID NOT MEET CURRENT CODE, DETERIORATED SEWER
10 LINES IN BASEMENT AND SUBBASEMENT AREAS, EXISTING UTILITY
11 CONFLICTS AND UTILITIES THAT DID NOT MEET CURRENT SEISMIC
12 STANDARDS, VARIOUS EXISTING WALLS THAT DID NOT MEET CURRENT
13 STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS, RADIOLOGY SHIELDING AND RADIOLOGY
14 AREAS THAT DID NOT MEET CURRENT STANDARDS, WATER INFILTRATION
15 DAMAGE IN VARIOUS FLOORS THAT REQUIRED MITIGATION AND
16 REPLACEMENT AND EXISTING FLOOR SLABS IN CENTRAL PLANT THAT
17 WERE STRUCTURALLY INADEQUATE FOR THE NEW DESIGN WEIGHT. WHILE
18 WORKING IN AN OLDER BUILDING LIKE M.L.K. INPATIENT TOWER
19 ALWAYS INVOLVES UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS, THESE EXAMPLES ARE
20 REPRESENTATIVE OF NUMEROUS TYPES OF UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS
21 ENCOUNTERED ON THE PROJECT THAT WE HAD ORIGINALLY HOPED TO
22 UNCOVER PRIOR TO STARTING CONSTRUCTION. HENSEL PHELPS HAS
23 ASSERTED THAT THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF THE VOLUME OF ISSUES
24 ENCOUNTERED CAUSED A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE WORK, AND MANY
25 OF THESE ISSUES WERE DISCOVERED WHILE CONSTRUCTION WAS



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1 UNDERWAY, WHICH CAN BE VERY DISRUPTIVE. TO PLACE THE PROPOSED
2 REQUEST IN CONTEXT THE PROPOSED AUGMENTATION WOULD RESULT IN A
3 TOTAL PROJECT COST OF 284 MILLION OR A TOTAL COST PER SQUARE
4 FOOT OF 679 DOLLARS PER SQUARE FOOT STILL WELL-BELOW THE
5 CURRENT INDUSTRY AVERAGE COST OF 700 TO 900 DOLLARS PER SQUARE
6 FOOT FOR AN ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL. WITH RESPECT TO COMPLETION
7 SCHEDULE THE PROJECT IS OVER 90 PERCENT COMPLETE AND PUNCH
8 LIST ACTIVITIES HAS COMMENCED. HENSEL PHELPS HAS COMMITTED TO
9 ACHIEVING SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF THE INPATIENT TOWER
10 BUILDING NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31ST. THIS SCHEDULE WILL RESULT
11 IN M.L.K. INPATIENT TOWER RENOVATION PROJECT BEING
12 SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE IN JUST OVER FOUR YEARS WHICH COMPARES
13 FAVORABLY TO INDUSTRY AVERAGE FOR SIMILAR HOSPITAL
14 CONSTRUCTIONS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO AGGRESSIVELY MANAGE THESE
15 PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND TO KEEP THE BOARD CLOSELY APPRISED OF
16 OUR PROGRESS AS WE SUCCESSFULLY DELIVER THIS CRITICAL HEALTH
17 CARE PROJECT FOR THIS COUNTY AND THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.
18 WITH THAT, STAFF ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
21 PRESENTATION. ARE THERE QUESTIONS FOR MS. FARBER HEAD OF
22 PUBLIC WORKS WHO IS PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
23 CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, IN ADDITION TO THE TWENTY-FOUR MILLION
2 DOLLARS IN CHANGE ORDERS, IT APPEARS, I THINK IF I'M READING
3 THIS CORRECTLY, YOU'RE ALSO ASKING FOR AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT
4 MILLION DOLLARS IN CONTINGENCY FUNDS?

5

6 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THE FACT THAT YOU'RE ALSO TELLING US THAT IT
9 NEEDS TO BE DONE IN A COUPLE MONTHS, YOU REALLY NEED THAT
10 EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS. HOW DID WE COME UP WITH THE EIGHT
11 MILLION DOLLARS AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT SINCE WE MISSED AT
12 THE OTHER END?

13

14 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** THE EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS CONSISTS PRIMARILY
15 OF A CONTINGENCY FOR ONGOING CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS THAT
16 MAY BE NEEDED FOR COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION. WE HOPE NOT TO
17 HAVE TO USE THE FULL AMOUNT OF THAT CONTINGENCY, BUT WE DID
18 ASK FOR IT IN ORDER TO AVOID NOT BEING ABLE TO DEAL WITH
19 POTENTIAL UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS THAT MAY REMAIN.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THE FACT IS THAT THIS WILL BE BORROWED MONEY,
22 SO YOU WILL BE PAYING INTEREST ON IT. AT THE END OF THE GAME,
23 AT THE END OF THE TIME WHEN CONSTRUCTION IS DONE, I'M ALWAYS
24 NERVOUS ABOUT THAT CONTINGENCY. SOMEHOW THERE'S ALWAYS A
25 REASON TO SPEND IT. WOULD IT NOT BE BETTER TO APPROVE THE



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1 CHANGE ORDER AS PRESENTED WITHOUT THE CONTINGENCY AND COME
2 BACK IF YOU NEED IT? IF YOU WERE TELLING ME TWELVE MONTHS FROM
3 NOW IT WAS GOING TO BE COMPLETED, I COULD SEE. BUT ON THE
4 EIGHT MILLION, THE FACT WOULD WE GET IT BACK? IN THE MEANTIME
5 WE HAVE DEBT SERVICE ON IT.

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND. THERE IS A DOLLAR AMOUNT
8 ASSOCIATED WITH THAT CONTINGENCY THAT WE KNOW WILL ABSOLUTELY
9 BE NEEDED. THAT'S THE ADDITIONAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT COSTS.
10 THERE ARE SOME INSPECTION COSTS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** SO WHY DO YOU CALL IT "CONTINGENCY," THEN? IF YOU
13 NEED IT, YOU NEED IT. WHY DO YOU CALL IT A "CONTINGENCY?"

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUILT WITHIN THE EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS IS A
16 CONTINGENCY FACTOR. WE CAN PROVIDE A DETAILED KIND OF A
17 SUMMARY OF THAT.

18

19 **DAVID HOWARD:** SUPERVISOR, A LOT OF THAT MONEY, THE EIGHT
20 MILLION DOLLARS, IS SPECIFICALLY UNDER THE CHANGE ORDER FUND.
21 THERE ARE KNOWN ISSUES THAT THE CONTRACTOR HAS RAISED. IN SOME
22 CASES, THEY HAVEN'T SUBMITTED ANYTHING, BUT THEY FLAGGED THIS
23 AND SAID "WE THINK THERE'S AN ISSUE OUT HERE."

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25 **SUP. KNABE:** SO YOU NEED IT.



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2 **DAVID HOWARD:** YES.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S NOT CONTINGENCY THEN.

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6 **DAVID HOWARD:** FOR EXAMPLE, THERE IS AN ISSUE THEY HAVE RAISED
7 WITH RESPECT TO LOW-VOLTAGE SYSTEMS AND THEY'RE CLAIMING THAT
8 THERE IS AN OVERAGE. THEY HAVE NOT SUBMITTED ANY PAPERWORK
9 THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO VET AND SAY, IS THIS REAL? DID WE
10 REALLY OWE THEM OR NOT? BUT IT IS A POTENTIAL ISSUE AND WERE
11 ASKED TO NOT COME BACK TO THE BOARD BUT WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE
12 PRUDENT TO BUDGET AGAINST THAT RISK.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** I GO BACK TO MY CONCERN THAT IF YOU NEED IT, YOU
15 NEED IT. BUT IF YOU'RE FLAGGING IT TO THE CONTRACTOR TO SAY,
16 "HEY, WE'VE GOT THIS MONEY FOR YOU, SOMEHOW WE'LL FIND A WAY
17 TO SPEND IT." IF WE NEED IT, WE NEED IT. IF WE DON'T NEED IT
18 THEN SELL IT TO ME AS YOU NEED IT. YOU ALREADY GOT ME INTO A
19 CHANGE ORDER 24 MILLION BECAUSE OF SOME MISSED OBSERVATIONS
20 EARLY ON. AND I UNDERSTAND ALL THAT. BUT AT THIS PARTICULAR
21 POINT, YOU'RE ASKING ME TO FUND ANOTHER EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS.
22 IF YOU NEED IT, FINE, I MIGHT BE SUPPORTIVE. BUT IF YOU'RE
23 JUST SAYING I MAY NEED IT ...

24



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1 **DAVID HOWARD:** WE BELIEVE IT'S A REALISTIC FIGURE FOR THE TYPES
2 OF EXPOSURES THAT ARE LEFT. YOU'RE RIGHT, THERE'S ONLY A FEW
3 MONTHS LEFT. BUT WE THINK THAT WE DON'T EXPECT TO USE IT ALL
4 BUT WE THINK THERE ARE REALISTIC ISSUES THAT HAVE A REASONABLE
5 PROBABILITY OF NEEDING THE FUNDING.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR
8 YAROSLAVSKY? AND I WOULD WANT TO FOLLOW.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO FOLLOW-UP ON THAT QUESTION
11 THAT MR. KNABE JUST ASKED. HOW MUCH -- YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE
12 ARE -- THAT THERE IS SOME AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WILL BE IN
13 DISPUTE BETWEEN THE CONTRACTOR AND US IN THE ENSUING MONTHS,
14 IS THAT A FAIR STATEMENT?

15

16 **DAVID HOWARD:** POTENTIALLY. AND WHEN I SAY DISPUTE, I DON'T
17 MEAN DISPUTE IN THE SENSE THAT IT WOULD GO TO COURT, BUT
18 OBVIOUSLY WE DON'T TAKE EVERYTHING THEY SEND OUR WAY.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE A CLAIM THAT WE SHOULD
21 PAY THEM MORE BECAUSE SOMETHING WAS OUR FAULT. THIS IS A
22 TYPICAL THING THAT GOES ON IN A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

23

24 **DAVID HOWARD:** CORRECT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY WOULD WE PUT MONEY AWAY? A BIG NEST EGG
2 FOR THE CONTRACTOR TO SEE WHAT WE'VE ALREADY IN OUR OWN MINDS,
3 THIS IS THE QUESTION THAT DON WAS ASKING, THAT IN OUR OWN
4 MINDS, WE'VE ALREADY CALCULATED THAT THIS IS WHAT THEY'RE
5 GOING TO BE ENTITLED TO. THAT'S THE WAY THEY WILL BEHAVE THAT
6 WAY. THEY WILL GO AFTER THAT MONEY BECAUSE IT'S ALREADY BEEN
7 SET ASIDE FOR THEM. I MEAN TYPICALLY THE WAY, I DON'T KNOW HOW
8 YOU GUYS DO IT, BUT IN OTHER PLACES WHERE WE'VE HAD THIS SAME
9 KIND OF SITUATION WE NEVER SHOW OUR MONEY.

10

11 **DAVID HOWARD:** SURE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE WE'LL NEVER SEE IT AGAIN IF WE PUT
14 IT OUT THERE FOR THE CONTRACTOR TO GO AFTER.

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL IF I MAY --

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I GET AN ANSWER FROM THEM?

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITH ALL DUE RESPECT.

23

24 **DAVID HOWARD:** SURE. AND THIS IS NOT INTENDED TO JUST BE A BIG
25 NEST EGG OUT THERE. WHAT WE'VE TRIED TO DO IS LOOK AT WHERE



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1 ARE WE IN CONSTRUCTION? WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL RISKS? AND ALSO
2 IF THERE ARE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS POTENTIALLY
3 COMING OUR WAY, TO PUT A REASONABLE NUMBER TO THAT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY WOULDN'T YOU, THEN, HOLD THAT CARD CLOSE
6 TO YOUR VEST AND COME BACK TO US, I KNOW YOU PROBABLY DON'T
7 WANT TO COME BACK TO US FOR ANOTHER OVERRUN WHICH IS PROBABLY
8 WHAT'S PART OF MOTIVATING THIS.

9

10 **DAVID HOWARD:** CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT IF YOU EXPLAIN TO US
13 -- AND THIS IS NOT THE FORUM IN WHICH TO DO THAT WHAT THE
14 RANGE OF POSSIBILITIES IS, THEN WE CAN BE PREPARED. BUT WE ALL
15 PLAY POKER IN OUR OWN WAYS. AND YOU DON'T SHOW YOUR WHOLE
16 CARD. YOU JUST NEVER DO THAT. IF YOU NEEDED -- IF THERE'S
17 SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY THAT YOU NEED TO SIGN ON THE
18 DOTTED LINE FOR OUT OF THAT EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS AND PUT THAT
19 IN, BUT THE BALANCE, WHY DON'T YOU JUST COME BACK TO US IF YOU
20 NEED IT? IT ENABLES YOU TO DRIVE A HARDER BARGAIN. I'M NOT
21 SURE WE'RE DRIVING A HARDER BARGAIN.

22

23 **DAVID HOWARD:** YES, SIR. YES, WE CAN DO THAT.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. FUJIOKA?



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHAT I WANTED TO MENTION IS THAT WE KNOW
3 THERE'S SOME ABSOLUTE COSTS .

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR, WERE YOU DONE?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I WANTED TO HEAR WHAT HE HAD TO SAY,
8 BUT I'M NOT DONE.

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME ABSOLUTE COSTS
11 EMBEDDED IN THAT EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS. A CONTINGENCY FACTOR I
12 THINK WE ALL KNOW BECAUSE WE'VE HAD HUNDREDS OF CONSTRUCTION
13 PROJECTS IS COMMON IN A LOT OF OUR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WE HAD A CONTINGENCY ALREADY THAT WE
16 BURNED THROUGH.

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS THE SECOND CONTINGENCY.

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT WE DID HIT ONE THING -- WELL, TWO IS --
23 WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS IDENTIFY THE AMOUNT THAT WAS
24 ABSOLUTELY NEEDED RIGHT NOW TO FINISH THIS PROJECT SO WE DON'T
25 HAVE TO COME BACK TO THIS BOARD. THE OTHER FACTOR THAT'S



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1 IMPORTANT IS THAT THE REQUEST FROM THE CONTRACTOR WAS HIGHER
2 THAN WHAT WE'RE RECOMMENDING TODAY. BECAUSE WE WENT THROUGH AN
3 AGGRESSIVE SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THEM THAT I PERSONALLY
4 PARTICIPATED IN AND WERE ABLE TO BRING THAT NUMBER DOWN
5 BECAUSE OF WHAT WE PRESENTED IN THE CASE. THAT SAME LEVEL OF
6 SCRUTINY IS BEING PROVIDED IN THE NEXT COUPLE MONTHS. YOU'RE
7 TALKING ABOUT TWO MONTHS ESSENTIALLY TO GET THIS DONE. WE ARE
8 AT A POINT WHERE WE THINK WE'RE VERY, VERY CLOSE. AND THIS IS
9 THE AMOUNT THAT'S NEEDED.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MUCH IS NECESSARY FOR THE ADDITIONAL --
12 HOW MANY OF THIS EIGHT MILLION IS NECESSARY FOR THE CONTRACT
13 ADMINISTRATION ADDED COSTS BECAUSE OF THE DELAY?

14

15 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** ABOUT 1.2 MILLION.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ABOUT 1.2. AND SO THERE'S 6.8 OUT THERE THAT
18 IS FOR WHAT?

19

20 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** PARTIALLY FOR KNOWN ISSUES THAT HAVE ARISED
21 BUT HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED YET.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY NOT RESOLVED? AS TO
24 WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE COSTS?

25



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1 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** WE'RE EXAMINING THE TECHNICAL MERITS IN THE
2 ACTUAL ITEMS THAT ARE BEING REQUESTED BY THE CONTRACTOR. AND
3 THERE'S, OF COURSE, A COMPONENT IN FOR WHAT MAY HAPPEN OVER
4 THE NEXT TWO MONTHS BEFORE WE COMPLETE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT WOULD BE THE HARM IN SAYING PUT 1-
7 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE CONTINGENCY AND DEFER ANY DECISION
8 ON THE BALANCE UNTIL YOU NEED IT? OTHER THAN HAVING TO COME
9 BACK TO THE BOARD, IS THERE ANY OTHER PROBLEM WITH THAT?

10

11 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** IT COULD RUN THE RISK OF DELAYING THE
12 COMPLETION BY HAVING TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR A CHANGE
13 ORDER THAT NEEDS TO BE EXECUTED QUICKLY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY CHANGE ORDERS DO YOU THINK YOU'RE
16 GOING TO HAVE IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL I CAN ASSURE YOU THE MORE
19 THAT WE ENGAGE IN THIS CONVERSATION, THE MORE CHANGE ORDERS WE
20 ARE LIKELY TO ANTICIPATE.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I TOTALLY AGREE.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO MAY I MAKE A RECOMMENDATION?
25 WHICH IS THAT WE PROCEED WITH THE MATTER BEFORE US, THAT WE



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1 MOVE WITH WHAT IS BEING DESCRIBED AS CONTINGENCY, WHICH I
2 THINK WE NOW APPRECIATE IS PROBABLY NOT TO SUPERVISOR KNABE'S
3 CONCERN ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS SUCH IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT
4 THERE ARE SPECIFIC THINGS THAT ARE IN MIND. THE BOARD HAS SOME
5 DISCOMFORT WITH THE EIGHT MILLION. I WOULD JUST SIMPLY SAY
6 THAT WE SHOULD ALLOCATE FIVE MILLION FOR THOSE KNOWN. IF
7 THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL LITTLE BIT THAT NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT TO
8 OUR ATTENTION, THAT WE DO SO. AND DISPOSE OF THIS MATTER
9 ACCORDINGLY. I WOULD PUT THAT BEFORE YOU UP FOR YOUR
10 CONSIDERATION. AND I WANT TO SAY A FEW ADDITIONAL THINGS FOR
11 ALL OF US TO UNDERSTAND. THIS PROJECT IS 90 PERCENT --

12

13 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** NINETY-TWO PERCENT NOW.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY, NINETY-TWO PERCENT,
16 WE DON'T WANT TO SWEAT YOU ON ANYTHING, 92 PERCENT. WE HAVE
17 EIGHT PERCENT MORE TO HAVE THE PROJECT COMPLETED. WE HAVE COME
18 A LONG WAY. A LOT OF GOOD WORK HAS BEEN DONE. THIS IS PART OF
19 A MEDICAL CAMPUS THAT WILL MAKE US PROUD, THE BOARD, ITSELF IN
20 ITS ENTIRETY OUGHT TO BE PROUD THAT IT STEPPED FORWARD AND
21 GAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS STAFF TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. AND WE
22 DID IT IN A WAY THAT OUGHT TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS SMART. WE SAID
23 THAT THERE IS AN EXISTING FOOTPRINT AT THE M.L.K. CAMPUS, 30
24 PLUS ACRES, THAT HAD NEVER BEEN FULLY UTILIZED; THAT IS TO SAY
25 THIS IS A CAMPUS IN OUR NETWORK OF HOSPITALS THAT HAD BEEN



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1 UNDERDEVELOPED EVEN AT ITS HIGHEST POINT OF DEVELOPMENT. SO WE
2 HAVE AS A BOARD AND AS A STAFF BEEN VERY SMART ABOUT THIS.
3 WITH RESPECT TO USING THE EXISTING FACILITY THAT HAD NEVER
4 BEEN BUILT OUT. SO IN EFFECT THIS IS A NEW PROJECT IN TERMS OF
5 THIS HOSPITAL. A VERY DIFFERENT HOSPITAL. AND IT IS PART OF A
6 MEDICAL CAMPUS. IT IS NOT SIMPLY REDUCIBLE TO ONE INPATIENT
7 TOWER. PLEASE KNOW THAT ALREADY COMPLETED IS THE WORK THAT
8 WE'VE DONE AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH,
9 THE NEWEST AND THE MOST MODERN FACILITY IN OUR NETWORK OF
10 PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY, OF WHICH WE ARE
11 PROUD. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THERE IS AN OUTPATIENT CENTER,
12 APPROXIMATELY 130,000 SQUARE FEET THAT IS DESIGNED TO
13 COMPLIMENT THE WORK OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER AS WELL AS THE
14 INPATIENT TOWER. OUR OBJECTIVE IS QUITE CLEAR. IT IS TO MAKE
15 SURE THAT WE PROVIDE THE BEST QUALITY CARE TO THE PATIENTS OF
16 THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH
17 AFTER ALL, BY ALL THE DATA THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
18 HEALTH, ALL THE DATA THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,
19 ALL THE DATA THAT THE C.D.C. AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL CAN MUSTER
20 IS THE MOST MEDICALLY CHALLENGED PORTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
21 ANGELES. AND YET WE HAVE BEEN SMART ABOUT THIS. NEW
22 CONSTRUCTION OF THIS HOSPITAL WOULD HAVE BEEN A MUCH MORE
23 EXPENSIVE PROPOSITION. WE WANT TO USE THOSE DOLLARS ULTIMATELY
24 TO MAKE SURE OUR HEALTH SYSTEM COUNTYWIDE IS STRONGER. PLEASE
25 MAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THIS IS AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF



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1 HEALTH REFORM WHERE OUR INSTITUTIONS, OUR ENTITIES WILL
2 NECESSARILY NEED TO BE MORE COMPETITIVE SO THAT WE CAN INDEED
3 CAUSE THE PATIENTS WHO WILL NOW HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE, WHO
4 WERE PREVIOUSLY UNINSURED, SOME TWO MILLION OF THEM IN THE
5 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ALONE, THE LARGEST AREA OF UNINSURED
6 ANYWHERE IN THE NATION, WE WANT THEM TO SEE OUR FACILITIES AS
7 PLACES OF EXCELLENCE WHERE THEY CAN SEEK SERVICE. IT MAKES NO
8 DIFFERENCE WHETHER IT'S AT RANCHO, OLIVE VIEW, HARBOR U.C.L.A.,
9 LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER AND INDEED THE M.L.K. COMMUNITY
10 HOSPITAL. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE UP TO. ALL OF THIS DISCUSSION
11 SHOULD BE SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS SAFETY NET THAT THIS
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO. TO THE EXTENT
13 THAT THAT IS THE CASE, I TRUST THAT IT IS APPRECIATED THAT THE
14 ALLOCATION THAT WE ARE INTENDING TO APPROVE, THAT WHICH IS
15 BEFORE US, IS PRECISELY UNDERSTOOD IN THE CONTEXT OF
16 CONSTRUCTION, WHICH IS OFTEN IN AND OF ITSELF A WHOLE KETTLE
17 LOAD OF COMPLICATIONS DEALING WITH THIS KIND OF ADAPTIVE REUSE
18 IN A CERTAIN SENSE THAT BORDERS ON A REAL SENSE OF NEW
19 CONSTRUCTION, CUTTING EDGE AND A LOT OF THINGS, BUT WAIT UNTIL
20 YOU JUST DRIVE BY 120TH STREET, 120TH, AND SEE WHAT'S THERE
21 FOR YOURSELVES. YOU WILL BE IMPRESSED WITH WHAT HAS BEEN DONE
22 BY THIS BOARD AND THIS STAFF TO MAKE GOOD ON OUR COMMITMENT.
23 THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT. I THINK THE ISSUE BEFORE US IS
24 TO MOVE FORWARD AND CELEBRATE OUR PROGRESS RATHER THAN IN ANY
25 WAY THINK THAT WE HAVEN'T MADE THE KIND OF STRIDES THAT INDEED



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1 IS THE CASE. I THINK WE'VE HAD A FULL AIRING OF THE ITEM. WE
2 SHOULD MOVE FORWARD. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO SHAVING THAT
3 TO APPROXIMATELY HALF.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD YOU BE SPECIFIC? I'M TRYING TO
6 UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** FROM EIGHT TO FIVE AND ON THE
9 ASSUMPTION THAT THEY DO HAVE SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL ISSUES THAT
10 THEY ARE KNOW IT IS COMING FOR. I TAKE THE CONCERN OF THE
11 DELAY ON THE CHANGE ORDER PURSUANT TO HAVING TO PREPARE A
12 BOARD REPORT COME BACK AND SO FORTH COULD BE MATERIAL, WE NEED
13 TO MOVE FORWARD WITH MAKING SURE WE GET TO A 100 PERCENT
14 COMPLETION AND AN EFFECTIVE WAY. SO I'M SUGGESTING THE CONCERN
15 HAS BEEN RAISED ABOUT THE EIGHT PERCENT, QUOTE/UNQUOTE,
16 CONTINGENCY, CUT THAT BACK TO FIVE PROVIDE US WITH THE
17 ADDITIONAL THINGS THAT YOU KNOW THAT ARE IN PLAY CURRENTLY AND
18 CAUSE, NEGOTIATE HARD, MAKE SURE IT'S CLEAR THAT THIS IS NOT A
19 FREE-FOR-ALL OF ANY SORT AND CAUSE US TO MOVE FORWARD AND HAVE
20 THE APPROPRIATE KIND OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OUR EFFORTS IN DUE
21 TIME. SO THAT'S THE WAY IN WHICH I WOULD SEEK TO TAKE THE
22 CONCERNS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO HEART AND HOPE THAT
23 WE CAN MOVE FORWARD ACCORDINGLY. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO
24 THAT?

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. I JUST WANT TO SEE IF I CAN GET AN
2 ANSWER TO A QUESTION. SO THERE'S 1.8 MILLION IS THE COST OF
3 THE --

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5 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** ONE POINT TWO.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY, 1.2 IS THE COST OF THE ADDED
8 CONSULTANT. AND THEN HOW MUCH MONEY IS AT ISSUE OVER AND ABOVE
9 THE 1.2 MILLION?

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11 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** THE KNOWN ISSUES.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT YOU KNOW NOW.

14
15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT YOU KNOW NOW.

16
17 **DAVID HOWARD:** THERE'S ABOUT THREE MILLION DOLLARS OF KNOWN
18 CHANGE-ORDER ISSUES AND THERE'S ALSO SOME WORK THAT WAS
19 SCHEDULED TO BE DONE WITH JOB-ORDER CONTRACTS RATHER THAN
20 GIVING IT TO THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR AND THAT'S ABOUT 2.3
21 MILLION DOLLARS.

22
23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THAT LAST PIECE, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO
24 US?

25



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1 **DAVID HOWARD:** THE WHOLE FIVE MILLION IS ALREADY COMMITTED --
2 IS IDENTIFIED FOR KNOWN ISSUES. SO WE WILL NEED TO COME BACK.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMMITTED AND
5 IDENTIFIED FOR KNOWN ISSUES. TO ME COMMITTED MEANS THAT YOU
6 OWE IT TO THEM. KNOWN ISSUES MEANS THERE'S GOING TO BE AN
7 ARGUMENT BETWEEN US AND THE CONTRACTOR.

8

9 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** KNOWN ISSUES. NOT YET RESOLVED BUT THEY'RE
10 KNOWN.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** KNOWN ISSUES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN DECIDED ON.

13

14 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** THAT HAVE INITIALLY BEEN QUANTIFIED THAT COULD
15 REACH UP TO FIVE OR MORE MILLION OF KNOWN ISSUES, NOT RESOLVED
16 OR COMMITTED, BUT KNOWN.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD THEY RESULT IN LESS THAN FIVE MILLION?

19

20 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** UNLIKELY BUT POTENTIALLY.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I ASK THE QUESTION: WHY DO YOU CALL IT A
25 "CONTINGENCY?" THIS IS DON'S QUESTION. WHY IS IT A CONTINGENCY



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1 IF YOU ALREADY THINK YOU KNOW WHAT THE RESOLUTION IS GOING TO
2 BE?

3

4 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE, THE IMAGERY IS A
5 LITTLE DIFFERENT, BUT USUALLY THE CONTINGENCY IS AUTHORIZED
6 AHEAD OF TIME. THIS IS A MOVING TARGET BECAUSE WE'VE ONLY GOT
7 A COUPLE MONTHS LEFT. SO WE'RE TRYING TO INSURE THAT WE FINISH
8 BY OCTOBER 31ST.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IF YOU DON'T SPEND THIS MONEY? TO
11 FINISH, YOU'VE GOT TO SPEND A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY, WHETHER
12 IT'S OCTOBER 31ST OR JANUARY 31ST, CORRECT? ARE WE
13 ACCELERATING? ARE WE PAYING MORE TO ACCELERATE THE PROJECT?

14

15 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** NOT WITH THE EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS. THERE ARE
16 INSTANCES WHERE WE'LL ASK THE CONTRACTOR OR ORDER THE
17 CONTRACTOR TO WORK WEEKEND SHIFTS OR OVERTIME IF WE RUN INTO
18 ISSUES THAT NEED EXPEDITING IN ORDER TO STAY ON SCHEDULE.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S NOT PART OF THE EIGHT MILLION
21 DOLLARS?

22

23 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** IT COULD BE PART OF THE EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS,
24 NOT CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR THAT.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT WHEN YOU SAID WHAT YOU SAID, WHAT
2 PROMPTED YOU TO SAY THAT EARLIER?

3

4 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** YOU WERE ASKING HOW MUCH OF THE CONTINGENCY
5 WE'RE RECOMMENDING WAS RELATED TO KNOWN ISSUES THAT COULD NEED
6 A RESOLUTION AND REQUIRE US TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS AND THIS IS ONE OF THE KNOWN ISSUES.

9

10 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** THERE ARE SEVERAL KNOWN ISSUES THAT DAVE
11 HOWARD JUST MENTIONED. THE THING THAT'S BEING REVEALED IS THAT
12 THOSE KNOWN ISSUES ARE CLOSE TO THE REDUCED AMOUNT THAT'S
13 POTENTIALLY BEING RECOMMENDED TODAY OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES THE FIVE MILLION INCLUDE THE 1.2
16 MILLION WITH CONSULTANTS ADDITIONAL CONTRACT OR IS IT TOTAL
17 6.2 MILLION?

18

19 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** INITIALLY THE RECOMMENDATION I WAS HEARING WAS
20 FIVE MILLION WHICH WOULD SIMPLY REQUIRE US TO COME BACK
21 SOONER. WE'D BE COMING BACK VERY SOON.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. WILLIAMS, PURSUANT TO THE
24 SUGGESTION THAT I'M MAKING IN TERMS OF THE FIVE?

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1 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** YES.

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WOULD MEAN THAT YOU HAVE TO COME
4 BACK?

5

6 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** WERE YOU, SUPERVISOR, SAYING FIVE MILLION IN
7 ADDITION TO THE 1.2? OR FIVE MILLION TOTAL?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE SAID TAKE IT FROM EIGHT TO FIVE.

10

11 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** SO YOU WOULD TAKE THE 1.2 OFF OF THE 5?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO IS,
14 FRANKLY, SATISFY THE CONCERN OF THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED
15 CONCERN THAT WE ARE NOT ADVANCING A SCENARIO HERE WHERE WE
16 HAVE TO PERHAPS SPEND MORE THAN WHAT IS WARRANTED IN THIS
17 INSTANCE. I APPRECIATE THE POINT THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE. YOU
18 HAD SOUGHT TO SPECIFY SOME OF IT. SOME OF IT HASN'T BEEN
19 SATISFACTORILY SPECIFIED AS HAS BEEN INDICATED BY MEMBERS OF
20 THE BOARD. BUT WE NEED TO GET MOVING. GET THIS DONE. LET ME
21 FINISH, PLEASE. AND SO IF THERE'S UNREADINESS ABOUT EIGHT,
22 HAVING MORE THAN 1.2 WOULD AT LEAST GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY
23 TO MOVE. NOW, THIS IS AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION, IN MY MIND.
24 HERE WE ARE 92 PERCENT DONE. HERE WE ARE WITH NEARLY THREE
25 HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS HAVING BEEN EXPENDED, HAVING AT THE



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1 SAME TIME SAVED A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY, AND WE ARE DOWN
2 TO AN EIGHT MILLION DOLLAR CONTINGENCY. AND WE'RE IN THE
3 WEEDS. I THINK IT'S TIME TO MOVE. POINTBLANK. NOW, IF WE'RE
4 GOING TO START ANY FURTHER QUIBBLING ABOUT THE BALANCE OF
5 THESE RESOURCES, THEN LET'S JUST DISPOSE OF IT AND GET IT
6 DONE. IN OTHER WORDS, ENOUGH ALREADY. SO EITHER WE WANT TO
7 ACCEPT THE REPORT AS SUBMITTED OR WE WANT TO MOVE IT BACK TO
8 FIVE OR 1.2 OR WHATEVER. BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT OF THE
9 CONSEQUENCES OF DOING ANYTHING FURTHER AND THE IMPLICATIONS
10 THAT ATTACH TO THAT. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY PROBLEM REALLY GETS DOWN TO THE VERACITY
17 OF WHAT YOU'RE TELLING US. WHEN YOU SAY THERE'S A 24 MILLION
18 DOLLARS COST OVERRUN OR WHATEVER YOU DESCRIBED IT AND AN EIGHT
19 MILLION DOLLAR CONTINGENCY WHEN IN FACT IT SOUND LIKE MOST OF
20 THIS EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS IS ALREADY SPOKEN FOR, THEN IT'S
21 NOT A CONTINGENCY. WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY IT'S 30 OR 31
22 MILLION DOLLARS COST OVERRUN? ARE YOU TRYING TO SPIN THIS? I
23 JUST DON'T GET IT. EITHER YOU HAVEN'T RESOLVED THE ISSUES OR
24 YOU HAVE. WHEN YOU TELL ME IT'S NOT LIKELY IT WILL GO BELOW
25 FIVE MILLION ON THE PIECE WE TALKED ABOUT A MINUTE AGO, THAT



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1 IT'S NOT GOING TO GO BELOW FIVE MILLION, THAT IT'S LIKELY
2 GOING TO BE FIVE MILLION. THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE TELLING US. AND
3 THAT IT'S NOT A CONTINGENCY. THAT IT'S A COST THAT'S ALREADY
4 BEEN ACCRUED AND WE OWE IT. AND THE PROBLEM OF THIS, WHAT WE
5 DISCUSSED A COUPLE WEEKS AGO IN CLOSED SESSION, THE SAME
6 THING, THIS BUSINESS ABOUT COMPARING IT TO OTHER HOSPITALS,
7 THIS IS ALL ABOUT SPIN. AND IT'S NOT ABOUT TELLING US -- I'M
8 READY TO VOTE FOR AN EIGHT MILLION DOLLAR IF THAT'S WHAT IT
9 IS. WHAT I DON'T WANT TO DO IS VOTE FOR EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS
10 WHEN IT'S REALLY 4.8 OR 1.2 OR WHATEVER IT'S GOING TO BE. AND
11 WE WOULD DRIVE A HARDER BARGAIN ON THESE DISPUTES WITH THE
12 CONTRACTOR IF THEY ARE INDEED DISPUTES. BUT WE'VE BEEN GOING
13 THROUGH THIS AT THE M.T.A. THEY DO PRETTY LARGE PROJECTS OVER
14 THERE, A LOT LARGER THAN THIS, AND THEY DON'T GIVE AWAY THE
15 STORE THIS WAY. BUT YOU MAY NOT BE GIVING AWAY THE STORE, YOU
16 MAY JUST BE SPINNING IT. THAT'S WHAT BOTHERS ME. WHAT IS IT?
17 ARE YOU GOING TO NEED THE EIGHT MILLION? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE
18 TELLING US? BUT DON'T CALL IT A CONTINGENCY. JUST SAY IT'S A
19 32 MILLION NOT A 24 MILLION DOLLAR OVERRUN. IF YOU DON'T THINK
20 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY IT OR YOU DON'T KNOW THAT YOU'RE
21 GOING TO HAVE TO PAY UP AS MUCH AS EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS, THEN
22 IT'S A TO CONTINGENCY. THEN TELL US. HIS SUGGESTION MAKES
23 SENSE. BUT IF -- I APPRECIATE YOU'RE TRYING TO ASSUAGE US. I'M
24 NOT LOOKING FOR ASSUAGING; I'M LOOKING FOR TRUTH FROM YOU
25 GUYS. AND I JUST DON'T GET IT.



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2 **GAIL FARBER:** CAN I?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LET THE C.E.O. WEIGH IN HERE.

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6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CHAIR'S
7 RECOMMENDATION OF THE TWENTY-FOUR PLUS THE FIVE MILLION
8 DOLLARS AND THEN VERY SHORTLY, NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS, WE'LL
9 COME BACK WITH THE DETAIL ASSOCIATED WITH THESE ITEMS THAT WE
10 THINK WE HAVE TO MOVE FORWARD ON BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING IN KIND
11 OF GENERAL TERMS RIGHT NOW. I THINK WE OWE THIS BOARD THAT
12 LEVEL OF SPECIFICITY. AND WE'LL COME BACK TO YOU IN TWO WEEKS
13 AND IDENTIFY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SPECIFICITY ON WHICH? ON THAT FIVE MILLION
16 DOLLARS OR ON THE BALANCE? THE THREE MILLION? THE LAST THREE?

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE WILL GIVE YOU THE SPECIFICITY OF WHAT'S
19 ASSOCIATED WITH THE EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS WE REQUESTED. I'M
20 SUGGESTING WE TAKE THE CHAIR'S RECOMMENDATION. WE GO WITH THE
21 TWENTY-FOUR AND THE FIVE FOR A TOTAL OF TWENTY-NINE RIGHT NOW.
22 AND THEN WE'LL REPORT BACK ON HOW ALL THAT MONEY IS BEING
23 SPENT, THE ADDITIONAL EIGHT ABOVE THE CHANGE ORDER.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD WE GET THAT NEXT WEEK?



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NEXT WEEK? WE'LL HAVE THAT TO YOU BY NEXT
3 WEEK. I ASK THAT WE MOVE FORWARD ON THE 29 RIGHT NOW. WE'LL
4 GIVE YOU THAT. AND THEN WITH THAT, IF NEEDED, WE'LL COME FORTH
5 AND REQUEST THE BALANCE OF THE THREE MILLION.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE THAT.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE
10 ITEM? MIGHT I REMIND YOU THAT WE ARE 92 PERCENT THERE. EIGHT
11 PERCENT MORE AND WE ARE NO WHERE NEAR THE POINT OF CHOKING ON
12 THIS PROJECT. TOO MUCH GOOD HAS BEEN DONE. TOO MUCH GOOD CAN
13 BE DONE WHEN IT IS COMPLETED. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE ARE TO
14 STAY FOCUSED ON THAT. BUT THE BOARD'S OBLIGATION AND
15 RESPONSIBILITY IS TO FULFILL THE MANDATE AND THE MISSION TO
16 CARE FOR THE MEDICALLY INDIGENT. BUT IT IS COUPLED WITH OUR
17 FIDUCIARY TASK AND RESPONSIBILITY, WHICH I TRUST ALL OF US
18 UNDERSTAND. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, AS AMENDED, THAT WILL
19 BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I THINK WE COULD GO TO THE SET
22 ITEMS NOW. ITEM S-1, WHICH IS THE STATUS ON THE A.B.109 --
23 IMPLEMENTATION OF 109 BY THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT?

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1 **JERRY POWERS:** GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN.
2 JERRY POWERS, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER HERE FOR OUR A.B.109
3 REPORT. I'M JOINED AT THE TABLE BY A MULTITUDE OF OUR
4 COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TERRI MCDONALD,
5 ASSISTANT SHERIFF AND HER STAFF MARK DELGADO WITH C.C.J.C.C.
6 DR. SOUTHARD WITH MENTAL HEALTH, DR. FIELDING WITH PUBLIC
7 HEALTH AND REAVER BINGHAM, MY DEPUTY CHIEF IN CHARGE OF A.B.-
8 109 PROGRAMS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE PROBATION, THE SHERIFF'S
11 DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 PUBLIC HEALTH, ALL RIGHT, WE HAVE A FULL COMPLEMENT OF
13 PRESENTATIONS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. WE'RE READY TO BLAST OFF.
14 CHIEF POWERS?

15

16 **JERRY POWERS:** I'LL TRY TO GET THROUGH THIS, I SAY THIS EVERY
17 MONTH, I WILL TRY TO GET THROUGH THIS AS EFFICIENTLY AND
18 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AND CERTAINLY WE ARE READY TO ENTERTAIN
19 ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOUR BOARD MAY HAVE. FIRST, THE POPULATION
20 NUMBERS FOR YOU. WE HAVE CURRENTLY 10,300 CASES ASSIGNED TO
21 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT OUT OF 15, ALMOST 16,000 THAT HAVE
22 COME TO L.A. COUNTY. ABOUT 5,600 OF THE CASES HAVE BEEN
23 DISMISSED FROM JURISDICTION EITHER THROUGH SUCCESSFUL
24 COMPLETION OR RECOMMITMENTS TO PRISON OR OTHER FACTORS. I
25 WOULD NOTE OF THE 10,300, APPROXIMATELY 2,000 OF THOSE ON ANY



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1 GIVEN DAY ARE IN ONE FORM OR FASHION OF ABSCONDER STATUS,
2 INCLUDING ABOUT 700 OR SO THAT ARE UNDOCUMENTED THAT ARE
3 DEPORTED THAT WE KEEP IN ACTIVE STATUS. THAT MAKES A TOTAL OF
4 ABOUT 8,000 OFFENDERS UNDER SUPERVISION OR AVAILABLE FOR
5 SUPERVISION BY PROBATION. THIS GIVES YOU THE TREND DATA ON THE
6 POPULATION. SINCE INCEPTION AS WELL AS PROJECTIONS THROUGH
7 JUNE OF 2014 OR OUR BEST ATTEMPT AT PROJECTIONS THROUGH JUNE
8 OF 2014. YOU CAN SEE THAT SINCE ABOUT OCTOBER THE POPULATION
9 HAS PLATEAUED AT JUST ABOUT 10,000. ABOUT A YEAR FROM NOW, YOU
10 WILL SEE -- YOU WILL START TO SEE THAT LINE DECREASE MUCH IN
11 THE SAME WAY THAT IT INCREASED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS
12 PROGRAM. FLASH INCARCERATION IS SOMETHING THAT WAS IMPLEMENTED
13 AS PART OF A.B.109. THIS IS A SLIDE THAT GIVES YOU SOME
14 INDICATION ABOUT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FLASH TERMS THAT HAVE
15 BEEN IMPLEMENTED BY THE PROBATION OFFICER. I WOULD NOTE THAT
16 THE FLASH TERMS ARE TYPICALLY LESS THAN 10 DAYS. WE'VE HAD
17 NEARLY 10,000 FLASH TERMS IMPLEMENTED BY PROBATION OF ABOUT
18 5,600 INDIVIDUALS SO ALMOST TWO FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL THAT'S
19 FLASHED. I WOULD NOTE, JUST FROM THE SHERIFF'S PERSPECTIVE,
20 THAT EACH ONE OF THESE INCARCERATION TERMS IS TAKING UP A JAIL
21 BED FOR ANYWHERE UP TO 10 DAYS. STAFFING UPDATE FROM THE
22 DEPARTMENT: WE HAVE BEEN BUDGETED AND ALLOCATED 363 D.P.02
23 ITEMS. WE FILLED 220 OF THOSE. WE HAVE 143 OF THEM ARE
24 CURRENTLY VACANT AND IN VARIOUS STAGES OF THE RECRUITMENT
25 PROCESS. AS I'VE DISCUSSED WITH YOU PREVIOUSLY, WHAT THAT



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1 MEANS IS WE ARE DOING ACADEMIES FOR OUR DETENTION SERVICE
2 OFFICERS SO THAT WE CAN HIRE THEM AND PUT THEM INTO OUR
3 JUVENILE HALLS SO THAT THOSE CURRENT DETENTION SERVICE
4 OFFICERS CAN BE PROMOTED TO D.P. 01S AND MOVE TO OUR CAMPS SO
5 THAT THOSE CURRENT D.P.01S CAN BE PROMOTED TO D.P.02S AND FILL
6 THE VACANT POSITIONS. THE LOGISTICS BEHIND THAT IS MIND
7 NUMBING AT TIMES. I WOULD NOTE, LET'S GO BACK TO THAT ONE
8 SLIDE. LOOKING AT THE STAFFING RATIOS, GIVEN THAT WE HAVE,
9 DEPENDING UPON HOW WE LOOK AT THE NUMBERS, 10,000 OR 8,000
10 AVAILABLE FOR SUPERVISION, IF YOU LOOKED AT SIMPLY THE NUMBER
11 OF FILLED ITEMS, THE 220 FILLED ITEMS AND LOOKED AND PUT
12 TOGETHER A RATIO OF NUMBER OF OFFENDERS TO PROBATION OFFICERS,
13 AT THE 10,000 NUMBER YOU'RE LOOKING AT ABOUT A 50:1 RATIO, AT
14 THE 8,000, WHICH ARE THOSE AVAILABLE FOR SUPERVISION WE'RE AT
15 ABOUT 40:1. NOW, TO BE FAIR, NOT ALL OF THOSE D.P.02 FILLED
16 ITEMS ARE ACTUAL SUPERVISION ITEMS. SOME OF THEM ARE AT OUR
17 HUBS AND OUR P.R.C. AND ARE NOT DOING COMMUNITY SUPERVISION OR
18 NOT ASSIGNED TO FIELD SUPERVISION. IF YOU LOOK FORWARD WHEN WE
19 FILL OUR 363 VACANCIES AND WE'RE FULLY STAFFED, THOSE NUMBERS
20 CHANGE TO ABOUT 27:1 OR BEST CASE ABOUT 22:1. THOSE NUMBERS
21 ARE VERY FAVORABLE FOR US AS FAR AS BEING ABLE TO SUPERVISE
22 THESE OFFENDERS IN A VERY PROACTIVE MANNER. AND I VERY MUCH
23 LOOK FORWARD TO THAT DAY. ON TO ABSCONDERS. ABSCONDERS HAS
24 BEEN A TOPIC OF OUR PRESENTATION SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE LAST
25 SEVERAL MONTHS. TO YOUR BOARD, THIS INFORMATION IS FROM THE



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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE ACTUALLY HAVE ONE ABSCONDER, THE VERY
2 TOP ONE, WHO HAS HAD SIX WARRANTS ISSUED FOR HIS ARREST OR HER
3 ARREST, I'M ASSUMING IT'S A HIM. YOU SEE THE NUMBERS BREAKING
4 DOWN. DOWN TO THE BOTTOM, 820 P.S.P.S HAVE ACTUALLY HAD TWO
5 WARRANTS ISSUED FOR THEIR ARREST. WHAT THAT MEANS IS THEY'VE
6 ABSCONDED, THEY HAVE NOT REPORTED THE PROBATION OFFICER. WHAT
7 WE'VE SEEN IN MANY OF OUR CASES THAT WE'VE DISCUSSED BOTH IN
8 THE MEDIA AND WITH YOU IS THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL
9 REPETITIVELY ABSCOND FROM SUPERVISION, IN SOME INSTANCES AS
10 YOU SEE SOMETIMES UP TO SIX TIMES BEFORE THEY CAN BE
11 EFFECTIVELY REMOVED FROM THE COMMUNITY. THE ABSCONDER PROFILE,
12 THAT 2,200 NUMBER THAT I GAVE YOU EARLIER OF ABSCONDERS, OR
13 APPROXIMATELY 2,200, THIS IS WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO LOOK LIKE.
14 IS AVERAGE AGE IS ABOUT 40 YEARS OLD. YOU SEE THE ETHNIC
15 BREAKDOWN. EIGHTY-SIX PERCENT OF OUR ABSCONDERS ARE MALE. THEY
16 ARE A HIGH-RISK POPULATION, NEARLY HALF OF THEM SCORE AS HIGH
17 RISK. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THEM HAVE EITHER PROPERTY OR
18 SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRIMES. TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT ARE GANG MEMBERS.
19 A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THEM, ALMOST 83 PERCENT ARE TRANSIENT.
20 SEVENTY PERCENT OF THEM HAVE BEEN GIVEN AT LEAST ONE REFERRAL
21 FROM OUR HUB. IN OTHER WORDS, WHEN THEY FIRST CAME OUT, THEY
22 WERE GIVEN A REFERRAL FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, SUBSTANCE
23 ABUSE SERVICES, SOCIAL SERVICES. AND YOU SEE THE BREAKDOWN
24 THERE. ONE-THIRD OF THEM WERE TESTED WHEN THEY FIRST GOT OUT
25 AT THE HUB, AND ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THOSE TESTED TEST POSITIVE



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1 JUST COMING OUT OF STATE PRISON. ALMOST 60 PERCENT OF OUR
2 ABSCONDER POPULATION HAS NOT GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL. AND
3 OVER HALF OF THEM HAVE HAD SANCTIONS IMPOSED PRIOR TO THEIR
4 ABSCONDING. SOME STRATEGIES WITH RESPECT TO ADDRESSING THIS
5 POPULATION. I WON'T READ THEM ALL VERBATIM TO YOU BUT I KNOW
6 THAT IT IS A CONCERN OF THIS BOARD FOR US TO GET ON TOP OF
7 THIS POPULATION AND DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO RETURN THEM EITHER
8 TO CUSTODY OR INTO COMPLIANCE. WE ARE LOOKING AT INCREASING
9 OUR G.P.S. TRACKING. TO BE FAIR, IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO ABSCOND,
10 A G.P.S. BRACELET, ANKLE BRACELET IS NOT GOING TO PREVENT THEM
11 FROM ABSCONDING. WHAT IT WILL DO IS LET US KNOW MUCH SOONER
12 THAT THEY'VE ABSCONDED BECAUSE WE'LL GET THE ALERT THAT
13 THEY'VE CUT THEIR ANKLE BRACELET OFF. WE NEED TO DO A BETTER
14 JOB OF ASKING THE COURT FOR LONGER SANCTIONS ON THESE
15 INDIVIDUALS WHEN THEY ABSCOND. INSTEAD OF SIMPLY PUTTING THEM
16 IN FOR FIVE OR SIX DAYS, WE NEED TO START REVOKING AND ASKING
17 FOR 30 OR 60 OR 90 DAYS. WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB OF
18 ENGAGING WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY BEFORE
19 THEY ABSCOND. OR CONVERSELY IF THEY DO ABSCOND AND THEY RETURN
20 TO CUSTODY, WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB OF ENGAGING WITH THEM
21 BEFORE THEY'RE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY SO THAT THEY UNDERSTAND
22 THE TERMS OF REPORTING TO THEIR PROBATION OFFICER, WHO THEIR
23 PROBATION OFFICER IS, AND WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES ARE GOING
24 FORWARD IF THEY CONTINUE THEIR BEHAVIOR. WE'VE HAD DISCUSSIONS
25 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE CHIEF, DISTRICT



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1 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND WE'VE ESTABLISHED A COMPLEX CASE
2 COMMITTEE IN WHICH I'LL CALL FREQUENT FLYERS WILL BE BROUGHT
3 FORWARD AND ROUND TABLED BY THE AGENCIES PARTICIPATING TO TRY
4 TO COME UP WITH A STRATEGY TO EITHER PLACE THEM INTO CUSTODY
5 SO THAT THEY CAN'T CONTINUE THEIR NONCOMPLIANT BEHAVIOR OR GET
6 THEM BACK INTO COMPLIANCE. REAL QUICKLY, PROPOSITION 36, THE
7 THREE STRIKES INITIATIVE, WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE A TRICKLE OF
8 OFFENDERS COMING OUT THAT ARE BEING OFFERED SERVICES IN
9 A.B.109. IT'S NOT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER. WE DON'T ANTICIPATE
10 THAT WE'LL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER. BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT
11 WE WANTED TO ADVISE YOU OF. WITH RESPECT TO THE COMMUNITY
12 CONTACTS, THE COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, MY PUSH AS THE CHIEF
13 PROBATION OFFICER HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE TO GET OUR
14 PROBATION OFFICERS OUT OF THE OFFICE, GET THEM OUT INTO THE
15 COMMUNITY TO SEE THE OFFENDERS, TO SEE THE FAMILIES, TO SEE
16 OFFENDERS IN THEIR HOMES, TO SEE THEM AT THEIR WORK PLACES, TO
17 MAKE CONTACT WITH THEM AT THEIR TREATMENT LOCATIONS. WHAT YOU
18 SEE BEFORE YOU IS THE RECRUITMENT LANGUAGE OR THE JOB POSTING
19 LANGUAGE FOR THE SUPERVISORS. AND THE NEXT IS THE SAME
20 RECRUITMENT FOR THE D.P.02S. THERE IS AN EXPECTATION, AND
21 CERTAINLY I BELIEVE THAT THE PLAN THAT WAS PLACED BEFORE YOUR
22 BOARD THAT WAS ADOPTED WAS THAT PROBATION OFFICERS WOULD BE IN
23 THE FIELD CONTACTING THESE OFFENDERS AND CONTACTING FAMILIES
24 AND ENSURING THAT THEY'RE GOING TO THEIR TREATMENT PROGRAMS.
25 WE WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE SIMPLY CONTACTING OFFENDERS IN OUR



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1 OFFICES. AS I'M SURE YOU CAN IMAGINE MOST OFFENDERS BEHAVE
2 WHEN THEY'RE SITTING IN THE OFFICE OF A PROBATION OFFICER.
3 NEXT SLIDE. THIS IS THE SUMMARY OF THE TYPES OF TRAININGS THAT
4 ARE BEING OFFERED TO OUR FIELD OFFICERS BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL
5 PROBATION OFFICER CORE TRAININGS. MORE INFORMATION ON THOSE
6 TRAININGS, THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT THEY'RE BEING TRAINED
7 ON. JUST REAL QUICKLY, A SUMMARY OF THE TYPES OF CONTACTS THAT
8 PROBATION OFFICERS CAN MAKE IN THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE FIELD
9 CONTACTS, WHICH ARE TYPICALLY ROUTINE CONTACTS AT HOME, AT JOB
10 LOCATIONS, AT TREATMENT PROVIDERS, ANYWHERE THAT OFFENDERS
11 MIGHT BE, THE FIELD CONTACTS ARE MAYBE SCHEDULED CONTACTS. IN
12 OTHER WORDS, WE MAY TELL THE OFFENDER WE'RE COMING AND HOW
13 WE'RE COMING. FIELD CONTACTS CAN BE CONDUCTED ALONE. THEY CAN
14 BE CONDUCTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER PROBATION OFFICERS.
15 THEY CAN BE CONDUCTED WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS, AS
16 WELL, OR MENTAL HEALTH STAFF OR ANY OTHER STAFF. THE GOAL OF A
17 FIELD CONTACT OR A HOME VISIT IS TO GO AND CHECK IN WITH THE
18 OFFENDER, LET THE OFFENDER KNOW THAT YOU'RE AVAILABLE TO THEM,
19 TO CHECK THE RESIDENCE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S AN APPROPRIATE
20 RESIDENCE, THAT THERE AREN'T ANY ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO
21 COMPLIANCE. IN OTHER WORDS, WE DON'T HAVE SMALL KIDS IN A HOME
22 WHERE THAT'S PROHIBITED. OR WE DON'T HAVE COMPUTERS WHERE IT'S
23 PROHIBITED. OR THAT WE DON'T HAVE OTHER OFFENDERS WHO ARE
24 UNDER CRIMINAL JUSTICE JURISDICTION WHO MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE
25 IN THE HOME. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NOT VICIOUS ANIMALS



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1 AND THINGS LIKE THAT. THE SECOND TYPE OF CONTACT WHICH YOU
2 HEAR A LOT OF FROM OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS IS A
3 COMPLIANCE CHECK. THAT IS VERY MUCH A MORE LAW ENFORCEMENT
4 CONTACT. YOU'RE GOING TO CONTACT THE INDIVIDUAL. YOU'RE GOING
5 TO SEARCH THE INDIVIDUAL. YOU MAY CONTACT THEM IN THEIR
6 VEHICLE. YOU MAY CONTACT THEM AT HOME. YOU MAY CONTACT THEM AT
7 A PARK, WHEREVER THE CASE MAY BE. YOU WILL CONDUCT A SEARCH IF
8 THERE ARE SEARCH TIMES WHICH WE HAVE SEARCH TERMS ON ALL OF
9 THESE INDIVIDUALS. YOU'RE GOING TO ENSURE THAT THE OFFENDER IS
10 MAINTAINING COMPLIANCE. BEFORE I PASS IT OVER TO PUBLIC
11 HEALTH, I DID ASK STAFF -- I'M GOING TO THROW SOME DATA AT
12 YOU. I DID ASK STAFF TO GO AND SEE WHAT THE PROBATION
13 DEPARTMENT'S EXPERIENCE HAD BEEN IN CONDUCTING FIELD CONTACTS
14 OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. OUR ADULT FIELD SERVICES BUREAU
15 SINCE 2008, JANUARY OF 2008 TO THE PRESENT, CONDUCTED 49,211
16 FIELD CONTACTS. OUR SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED
17 SINCE JUNE OF 2010 HAVE CONDUCTED 15,869 FIELD CONTACTS.
18 YOU'RE LOOKING AT ABOUT 15,000 CONTACTS PER YEAR IN THE
19 COMMUNITY OF OFFENDERS. IN THAT TIME, WE'VE HAD 14 FIELD
20 INJURIES. IN OTHER WORDS, 14 OFFICERS HAVE MISSED WORK TIME
21 BECAUSE OF AN INJURY IN THE FIELD. THAT BREAKS DOWN, WE'VE HAD
22 FOUR OFFICERS INJURED AT SCHOOLS. WE'VE HAD SIX OFFICERS
23 INJURED DURING A HOME VISIT, ONE DURING A CAR ACCIDENT. I
24 THINK THE ONE THAT PROBABLY CREATED THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF
25 CONCERN FROM ALL OF US WAS THE CONTACT OF THE -- OR THE



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1 INCIDENT IN JUNE WITH L.A.P.D. IN WHICH THE PROBATION OFFICER
2 WAS WOUNDED ALONG WITH AN L.A.P.D. OFFICER. I WOULD NOTE THAT
3 THAT CONTACT WAS NOT OF AN A.B.109 CLIENT, NOR WAS IT OF A
4 PROBATIONER, NOR WAS THE RESIDENCE THAT THAT CONTACT OCCURRED
5 IN A PLANNED SEARCH BY L.A.P.D. OR PROBATION. THAT WAS A
6 SECONDARY CONTACT THAT WAS NOT A RESIDENCE KNOWN TO PROBATION
7 OR L.A.P.D. THEY HAPPENED TO END UP IN THAT LOCATION AS THEY
8 WERE LEAVING THEIR PREVIOUS LOCATION. SO, WITH THAT I WILL
9 PASS THIS OFF TO DR. FIELDING WITH PUBLIC HEALTH TO TALK A
10 LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DR. FIELDING?

13

14 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS YOU CAN SEE,
15 THIS IS THE REENTRY RATE OF ENGAGEMENT IN TREATMENT. AND IT'S
16 ABOUT 70 PERCENT. THE NUMBERS LOOK LIKE THEY'RE DECLINING. BUT
17 I THINK THAT'S AN ARTIFACT BECAUSE IF YOU'VE BEEN ASSESSED IN
18 ONE YEAR AND MANY TIMES YOU WON'T GET INTO TREATMENT UNTIL THE
19 FOLLOWING YEAR. SO WE REALLY HAVEN'T GOTTEN FULL INFORMATION
20 EVEN FROM 2012. 2013 IS CERTAINLY LESS THAN THAT AND 2011 WAS
21 ONLY THREE MONTHS. SO I THINK IT'S ROUGHLY ABOUT 70 PERCENT.
22 AND THAT'S SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN PROGRAMS THAT ARE OUTSIDE
23 THE A.B.109 STRUCTURE WHERE IN GENERAL THOSE THAT ARE ASSESSED
24 THAT ARE CASKS HAVE REFERRED RATES OF OFTEN LESS THAN 50
25 PERCENT. SO THAT 70 PERCENT AVERAGE IS A GOOD ONE. WE HAVE



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1 SOME STRATEGIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS. WE WILL BE, IN THE NEAR
2 TERM, ESTABLISHING BENCHMARKS FOR ENGAGEMENT AND RETENTION IN
3 TREATMENT. WE MADE GOOD PROGRESS IN COLOCATING COMMUNITY
4 ASSESSMENT SERVICE CENTERS. FIVE OUT OF SIX OF OUR CASKS HAVE
5 ALREADY BEEN COLLOCATED WITH PROBATION. THERE IS ONE MORE
6 PENDING. AND WE WILL BE DOING THAT VERY SOON. WE ALSO HAVE
7 COLLOCATED TO DIVISION 83 AND THE RELOCATION COURT. WE WERE
8 IMPLEMENTING PROCESS IMPROVEMENT USING THE NIATX APPROACH
9 WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY AND PROMOTED BY THE FEDERAL
10 GOVERNMENT, BY SAMHSA AND WE HAVE AN R.F.S.Q. OUT TO EXPAND
11 THE NUMBER OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROVIDERS. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 12
12 PROVIDERS. WE SO FAR HAVE 44 THAT HAVE PASSED THE INITIAL TEST
13 IN RESPONSE TO OUR R.F.S.Q. AND WE WILL FINALIZE THESE
14 RELATIONSHIPS AT THE END OF 2013.

15
16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, DR. FIELDING. WE'LL
17 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER AND WE'LL HAVE A ROUND OF QUESTIONS FOR
18 THE REST OF YOU AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. DR. SOUTHARD.

19
20 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** THIS IS THE MENTAL HEALTH ENGAGEMENT IN-
21 TREATMENT RATE. AS YOU SEE, IT'S STEADILY INCREASED TO ABOUT
22 70 PERCENT THROUGH THE COURSE OF TIME. AND THAT INCREASE HAS
23 BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE 70 PERCENT RATE BECAUSE OF THE
24 ASSISTANCE OF OUR PROBATION PARTNERS IN MOTIVATING OUR CLIENTS
25 TO PARTICIPATE IN TREATMENT. FOR CONTEXT, I SHOULD POINT OUT



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1 THAT THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ENGAGE IN TREATMENT UPON
2 REFERRAL IN THE COMMUNITY IS MUCH LOWER THAN THE 70 PERCENT
3 RATE. AND THE 70 PERCENT RATE HAS ONLY BEEN ABLE TO BE
4 ACHIEVED BECAUSE WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO APPLY PRESSURE THROUGH
5 PROBATION. SO WE THINK THE 70 PERCENT RATE, THOUGH WE'LL TRY
6 TO IMPROVE IT FURTHER, IS ACTUALLY QUITE GOOD FOR THIS
7 POPULATION. WE HAVE SOME STRATEGIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS, AS
8 WELL. WE'RE DOING A FURTHER EFFORT TO DO JAIL IN-REACH TO
9 CREATE TREATMENT OPPORTUNITIES. SO THAT WHEN PEOPLE ARE
10 RELEASED FROM JAIL, A.B.109 OR NOT, THAT THEY HAVE A TREATMENT
11 CAPACITY TO PARTICIPATE IN. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE
12 WORKING ON WITH THE SHERIFF IN THAT REGARD IS TO MAKE SURE
13 THAT NOT JUST PRESCRIPTIONS BUT IN FACT MEDICATION IS
14 AVAILABLE UPON RELEASE WHERE THAT IS PRUDENT AND POSSIBLE SO
15 THAT PEOPLE HAVE THE MEDICATION UNTIL THEIR FIRST APPOINTMENT
16 IS AVAILABLE. WE'RE ALSO EXPANDING RESIDENTIAL AND TREATMENT
17 PROGRAMS FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND CO-OCCURRING
18 DISORDERS. WE'RE DOING THAT THROUGH THE EXPANSION THAT WILL
19 HAPPEN THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT BECAUSE MOST OF THESE
20 INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE ENROLLED IN THAT PROGRAM.
21 WE'RE DEVELOPING A TRAINING CURRICULUM FOR OUR PROVIDER
22 NETWORK, BOTH DIRECTLY OPERATED AND OUR CONTRACT AGENCIES SO
23 THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO MEET THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF A FORENSIC
24 POPULATION. AND AS AN EXAMPLE OF THAT, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
25 WE'RE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF TRAINING ALL THE DIRECTLY



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1 OPERATED DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH STAFF ON S.PERT, WHICH IS
2 A SUBSTANCE ABUSE MODEL SCREENING BRIEF INTERVENTION REFERRAL
3 TO TREATMENT THAT IS ASTOUNDINGLY HELPFUL AND EFFECTIVE
4 ENGAGEMENT TOOL. SO ALL OF OUR STAFF ARE BEING TRAINED IN
5 THAT. NEXT, WHERE YOU WERE PLANNING ON USING S.B.82, AT LEAST
6 IN OUR PROPOSAL, WHICH WILL NEED TO BE COMPETITIVE. BUT TO USE
7 THOSE FUNDS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE POPULATION, BOTH FOR
8 CRISIS RESIDENTIAL BUT ALSO AS A PART OF THE TRIAGE EFFORTS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU, DR.
11 SOUTHARD, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. WE TURN NOW TO THE SHERIFF'S
12 DEPARTMENT? SHERIFF MCDONALD. WE TAKE NOTE THE PRESENCE OF
13 SHERIFF BACA. WELCOME, SIR.

14

15 **TERRI MCDONALD:** MR. CHAIR, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. SO RE-
16 ALIGNMENT, OF COURSE, HAS HAD AN IMPACT ON THE COUNTY JAILS.
17 TODAY WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 6,000 INMATES WHO WOULD HAVE
18 PREVIOUSLY SERVED THEIR SENTENCES IN STATE PRISONS, SERVING
19 THEIR TIME IN THE COUNTY JAIL. WE REALLY HAVE, WORKING WITH
20 OUR OTHER PARTNERS AT THE TABLE IN OTHER AREAS, WE'VE
21 IDENTIFIED THREE TARGET AREAS THAT WE'D LIKE TO DISCUSS. ONE
22 IS POPULATION MANAGEMENT. AND WE'LL TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE
23 ABOUT THAT ON SEPTEMBER 3RD WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DIFFERENT
24 OPTIONS IN WHICH TO MANAGE THE POPULATION. BUT IT INCLUDES
25 CONSTRUCTION, MODIFICATION, PRETRIAL DIVERSION, G.P.S. AND



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1 CONTRACT BEDS SHOULD HAVE BEEN ON HERE, AS WELL. BUT WE'LL
2 TALK MORE ABOUT THAT ON THE THIRD AND CERTAINLY ABLE TO ANSWER
3 ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE TODAY. THE OTHER AREA OF CHALLENGE IN
4 THE JAILS IS MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. AND WE'VE HAD SOME
5 REALLY GOOD CONVERSATIONS WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND D.M.H. ABOUT
6 HOW WE CAN APPROACH THIS BOTH FROM A LONG TERM PERSPECTIVE
7 WITH POTENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION BUT AS WELL AS INTERIM MENTAL
8 HEALTH JAIL PLAN THAT RELIES HEAVILY ON POTENTIAL FUNDING TO
9 THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND THE ABILITY TO PROGRAM INMATES IN
10 MENTAL HEALTH INMATE BEDS EXPANDING THE NUMBER IN THE JAIL AS
11 WELL AS IN THE COMMUNITY. AND THEN THE THIRD AREA IS REALLY
12 RE-ENTRY PLANNING. WE'VE HAD SOME GREAT CONVERSATIONS WITH
13 PROBATION ABOUT IN-REACH THAT CHIEF POWERS CAN TALK ABOUT
14 MORE. DOING MORE PARTNERSHIP THROUGH C.B.O.S AND THROUGH OTHER
15 ENTITIES TO REALLY DO MORE ROBUST REENTRY PLANNING. THOSE ARE
16 REALLY THE THREE TARGET INITIATIVES FOR THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT.

18
19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
20 PRESENTATION. ARE THERE OTHER DEPARTMENTS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD
21 AT THIS POINT?

22
23 **MARK DELGADO:** MARK DELGADO, C.C.J.C.C.

24
25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. DELGADO, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.



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2 **MARK DELGADO:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR, HONORABLE BOARD. I JUST

3 HAVE THE A COUPLE PIECES TO SPEAK TO HERE, ONE OF WHICH IS THE

4 ISSUE OF SPLIT SENTENCES WHICH WE DISCUSSED AT THE LAST

5 MEETING WITH YOUR BOARD. THE PARTIES AT THE TABLE, DISTRICT

6 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PROBATION DEPARTMENT,

7 COURT, PUBLIC DEFENDER, ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, HAVE ALL

8 CONTINUED TO HAVE EXTENSIVE CONVERSATION ON THE USE OF SPLIT

9 SENTENCES IN THE COUNTY. AS YOU RECALL PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, WE

10 HAD MENTIONED THAT FOUR PERCENT OF THE 1170(H) CASES WERE

11 SPLIT SENTENCES. UPON FURTHER EXPLORING THIS ISSUE, ONE OF THE

12 ISSUES THAT WE DETERMINED WE HAD NOT COMMUNICATED WELL TO YOUR

13 BOARD IS THAT COMMUNITY SUPERVISION IS BEING UTILIZED

14 SIGNIFICANTLY IN L.A. COUNTY. IN FACT, 63 PERCENT OF ALL

15 FELONY SENTENCES IN THE COUNTY INCLUDE GRANTS OF PROBATION.

16 AND SO THE FACT THAT THE SPLIT SENTENCE RATE IS LOW DOES NOT

17 INDICATE THAT COMMUNITY SUPERVISION IS NOT UTILIZED. THERE ARE

18 JUST CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS ON THE BENEFITS OF USING THE SPLIT

19 SENTENCE VERSUS, FOR EXAMPLE, A PROBATION CASE OR A STRAIGHT

20 CUSTODY SENTENCE. SO A RECOMMENDATION THERE IS TO CONTINUE THE

21 CONVERSATION. I THINK ALL DEPARTMENTS HAVE AGREED THAT ONGOING

22 DISCUSSION AND TRAINING WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENCIES IS

23 APPROPRIATE. SO WE WILL CONTINUE ALONG THOSE LINES. PAROLE

24 REVOCATIONS, THIS IS A RELATIVELY NEW ISSUE BECAUSE THE PAROLE

25 REVOCATION PROCESS SHIFTED TO A COURT PROCESS ON JULY 1ST. SO



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1 WE ONLY HAD A MONTH OF DATA HERE. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT THIS
2 IS A TRUE INDICATION OF THE TRENDS THAT WE WILL SEE THERE, BUT
3 FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, THERE WERE 367 PAROLE WARRANTS
4 REQUESTED BY STATE PAROLE FOR ABSCONDERS. AND BY THE END OF
5 THE MONTH, 118 OF THOSE WARRANTS HAD BEEN RECALLED. SO THOSE
6 WARRANTS HAD ESSENTIALLY BEEN PICKED UP. ALSO IN THE MONTH OF
7 JULY, THERE WERE 88 REVOCATION PETITIONS FILED WITH THE COURT
8 BY PAROLE FOR STATE PAROLEES. AND, FINALLY, RECIDIVISM WHICH
9 WE'VE TALKED ABOUT. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS IN NUMEROUS FORUMS
10 IN THE PAST AND PRESENTED THIS DEFINITION TO YOUR BOARD AS THE
11 PROPOSED DEFINITION OF RECIDIVISM. I THINK ALL OUR
12 STAKEHOLDERS ARE COMFORTABLE WITH WHERE WE ARE WITH THIS
13 DEFINITION NOW. THIS IS SIMILAR TO WHAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT
14 C.C.J.C.C. IN THE PAST AND A PROVEN CONCEPT THERE. AND I THINK
15 OUR SUGGESTIONS AND OUR RECOMMENDATIONS NOW REALLY CENTER ON
16 THE NEED TO MOVE INTO THE APPLICATION OF THIS DEFINITION. TO
17 THAT END, THERE ARE A COUPLE CAPACITY-BUILDING AREAS THAT
18 WE'RE GOING TO FOCUS ON. ONE IS ON THE I.T. SIDE FOR
19 DEVELOPING SYSTEMS NEEDED TO CAPTURE DATA THAT WOULD ENABLE US
20 TO UTILIZE THIS DEFINITION. AND, SECONDLY, BUILDING ON
21 CAPACITY FOR EVALUATION BY RETAINING CONSULTANTS WITH
22 EXPERTISE IN CONDUCTING RECIDIVISM STUDIES THAT CAN WORK WITH
23 US ON BOTH REFINING THIS DEFINITION AND APPLYING IT TO THE
24 PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE IN OPERATION. AND I THINK THE I.T. ISSUE
25 HERE ON THE NEXT SLIDE IS RELATED TO WHAT I JUST MENTIONED. SO



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1 THE JAMES PROGRAM IS A PROGRAM THAT THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS
2 ADVISORY BODY IS WORKING ON WITH THE MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS. AND
3 THIS SYSTEM WILL ENABLE DATA FROM VARIOUS SYSTEMS TO BE
4 AGGREGATED AND DEVELOPED, STATISTICS THAT WOULD HELP PROMOTE
5 THE MEASUREMENT OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTY. ANOTHER
6 I.T. ISSUE IS D.O.J. STATEWIDE DATABASE THAT THE ATTORNEY
7 GENERAL'S OFFICE HAS SPEARHEADED. THIS IS GOING TO BE A
8 STATEWIDE DATABASE THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL THE COUNTIES
9 WITH INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUALS BEING RELEASED TO POST RELEASE
10 COMMUNITY SUPERVISION. AND D.O.J. HAS SELECTED L.A. COUNTY,
11 WE'RE THANKFUL FOR THAT, TO PILOT THIS DATABASE SET TO BEGIN
12 IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

13

14 **JERRY POWERS:** LAST SLIDE, JUST QUICKLY, LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY,
15 THESE ARE THE AREAS THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON AT YOUR
16 BOARD'S DIRECTION WITH RYAN AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. WE'D
17 CERTAINLY BE WILLING TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE
18 ON ANY PART OF OUR PRESENTATION AS WELL AS ANY OF THE
19 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ISSUES.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
22 FOR THE PRESENTATIONS FROM THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS. THERE
23 ARE SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC
24 COMMENT. PERHAPS WE SHOULD PROCEED TO ANY QUESTIONS THAT THERE



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1 MAY BE FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AND IF SO, LET'S PROCEED IN
2 THAT ORDER. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR THEIR
5 PRESENTATIONS TODAY. AS YOU KNOW, WE CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED
6 ABOUT THIS LAW AND THE IMPACT ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE COUNTY.
7 YOU KNOW, THIS PAST SATURDAY IN "THE LOS ANGELES TIMES," IT
8 HAD "OAKLAND, 'THE HIGH-RISK SEX OFFENDER NAMED AS A PERSON OF
9 INTEREST IN THE KILLING OF FEDERAL DEFENSE INVESTIGATOR SANDRA
10 COKE HAD BEEN ORDERED TO STAY AWAY FROM HER AS A CONDITION OF
11 HIS PAROLE,' A JUDGE SAID FRIDAY." REVELATION THAT NOW HE'S
12 THE NUMBER ONE SUSPECT. BUT THIS MAN HAD A PRIOR CONVICTION
13 FOR RAPE, KIDNAPPING, INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER AND, AGAIN, TWO
14 WEEKS AGO WE HAD A PERSON WITH ELECTRONIC ANKLET RAPING A GIRL
15 IN PALMDALE WITH HIS ANKLET WORKING. SO OBVIOUSLY IT DOESN'T
16 DISENGAGE THE VITAL PARTS. IT DOESN'T WORK. SO WE'RE REALLY
17 DEALING WITH AN ISSUE THAT THE STATE PASSED ON TO THE COUNTIES
18 THAT DID NOT HAVE TO BE PASSED BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR HAD THE
19 ABILITY TO CONTRACT OUT OF STATE AND INSTATE FOR ADDITIONAL
20 BED SPACE INSTEAD OF TURNING THE 58 COUNTIES INTO FEDERAL, I
21 SHOULD SAY STATE PENITENTIARIES. THE LAW CONTINUES TO SEND
22 INFORMATION TO OUR COUNTY THAT IS LATE AND INCOMPLETE. AND IT
23 DENIES OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN
24 EVALUATION OF THE OFFENDER'S RISK LEVEL, AND NEEDS. THE STATE
25 CONTINUES TO FIND LOOPHOLES THAT SUITS THEM TO REDEFINE AND



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1 EXPAND THE POPULATION THAT IS ELIGIBLE FOR PROBATION
2 SUPERVISION INSTEAD OF PAROLE SUPERVISION. FIRST MENTALLY
3 DISORDERED OFFENDERS WERE NOT ELIGIBLE, BUT TODAY THEY ARE
4 BEING DISCREDITED, DECERTIFIED JUST IN TIME TO MAKE THEM
5 ELIGIBLE. ADDITIONALLY, CERTAIN THREE STRIKERS ARE NOW
6 ELIGIBLE FOR PROBATION UPON RESENTENCING. AND NOW THERE'S A
7 THIRD CATEGORY THAT HAS BEEN RECLASSIFIED, AND THIS IS THE
8 THIRD CATEGORY WHERE THOSE CONVICTED OF AN ASSAULT WITH A
9 DEADLY WEAPON ARE NOW BEING CLASSIFIED AS A NONSERIOUS,
10 NONVIOLENT OFFENDER. SO THE GOVERNOR CHANGES THE RULES OF THE
11 GAME WHEN IT BENEFITS THE STATE BUT DOES NOT SUPPORT THE
12 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES THAT BOTH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRAT
13 LEGISLATORS HAVE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATURE TO CORRECT
14 THESE INJUSTICES AND IMPACTS, HE HAS OPPOSED THOSE. SO THOUGH
15 TODAY THE REPORT CONTAINS A LIST OF LEGISLATIVE
16 RECOMMENDATIONS, ONE TIME SENTENCE SEEMS THAT WE ALERT THE
17 STATE THAT IF THEY IMPLEMENT ANY FORM OF EARLY RELEASE, WE
18 NEED TO BE FULLY REIMBURSED FOR OUR COSTS OF SERVING THAT
19 POPULATION THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE IN PRISON. WHAT ARE YOUR
20 THOUGHTS ON MOVING FORWARD WITH THAT? DO WE NEED A BOARD
21 MOTION? OR IS THAT ALREADY IN PREVIOUS BOARD'S POSITIONS OF
22 SUPPORT.

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK HAVING THE BOARD MOTIONS EXPRESSED IN
25 SUPPORT IS ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA. THERE IS ALSO A BILL THAT GIVEN



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1 WHAT YOU JUST MENTIONED ABOUT THE SEX OFFENDER WHO RAPED AN
2 INDIVIDUAL WHO STILL HAD AN ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICE ON,
3 THERE'S S.B.57 MOVING THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE RIGHT NOW THAT
4 WOULD INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT
5 HAPPENING. I'D ASK TODAY THAT WE GET A MOTION TO SUPPORT THAT
6 BILL SO WE CAN GET AGGRESSIVE ON THAT ONE. WE HAVE OTHERS THAT
7 WE'VE TRIED TO MOVE FORWARD. AND I THINK WE STILL NEED TO
8 CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD. AND THAT'S THE BILL YOU WERE VERY
9 INTERESTED IN. AND THAT WAS ON THE M.D.O., A PERSON MENTALLY
10 DISTURBED PERSON. WE HAD ASSEMBLY PERSON HOLDEN CARRY THAT
11 BILL FOR US. IT HASN'T BEEN SUCCESSFUL. BUT I BELIEVE WE KEEP
12 PUSHING.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. AND TALKING WITH CHRIS, HE'S GOING TO
15 CONTINUE WITH THAT.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE COMMITTEE DID NOT SUPPORT THAT
20 LEGISLATION. BUT, AGAIN, OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. AND THOSE
21 MOTIONS SHOULD BE IN ORDER AS PART OF IN WHOLE AGENDA. BUT
22 WHAT WAS INTERESTING IN THE REPORT THAT WE RECEIVED FROM OUR
23 COUNTY COUNSEL RELATIVE TO THE STATE REPORT, THEY DELETED LIKE
24 ON PAGE 13, THEY DELETED THE PROPOSAL, THE P.C.245 PROJECT AND
25 APPROVED BY PROBATION DEPARTMENTS, THEY DELETE ASSAULT WITH A



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1 DEADLY WEAPON. AND AGAIN THEY'RE DELETING THIS INFORMATION SO
2 THE PUBLIC DOESN'T HAVE THE FULL DISCOURSE AS TO WHAT IS
3 TAKING PLACE. IT WAS INTENDED TO BE TOLD THAT THESE ARE
4 NONVIOLENT AND THEY ARE NONSERIOUS OFFENDERS WHO ARE GOING TO
5 BE PLACED IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND AS OF AUGUST 2ND. YOUR
6 STATISTICS OF 14,300 HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO COUNTY JAIL
7 INSTEAD OF STATE PRISON, OF WHICH 6,023 ARE CURRENTLY IN JAIL.
8 OVER 40 HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO AS MANY AS 16, 17, 23, 25 AND
9 40 YEARS. AND, AGAIN, THESE ARE COUNTY JAILS ARE MEANT TO BE A
10 MOTEL NOT A FULL-SERVICE PENITENTIARY. AND YET THESE
11 ADDITIONAL COSTS ARE BEING PLACED ON OUR TAXPAYERS. THE STATE
12 HAS SHIFTED 16,759 PAROLEES FROM STATE PAROLE TO OUR COUNTY
13 PROBATION DEPARTMENTS, OF WHICH OF THOSE, 61 PERCENT ARE HIGH-
14 RISK OR VERY HIGH-RISK OFFENDERS. AND ONLY 1,077 -- I SHOULD
15 SAY ONLY 482 ARE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS AND 1.5 PERCENT ARE
16 LOW-RISK OFFENDERS; 1,077 WERE DEPORTED OVER TO THE FEDERAL
17 AUTHORITIES TO DEPORTATION. BUT OF THAT 16,759 PAROLEES AS OF
18 AUGUST 2ND, THERE HAVE BEEN 18,583 RE-ARRESTS. SOME OF THESE
19 HAVE BEEN RE-ARRESTED MORE THAN ONE OCCASION IS WHY THE NUMBER
20 IS HIGHER. IT'S JUST A PANDORA'S BOX, WHICH IS SENDING A WRONG
21 MESSAGE TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BEING A PLACE WHERE YOU
22 WANT TO RAISE FAMILIES AND A PLACE WHERE YOU WANT TO INVEST
23 AND CREATE JOBS. MR. POWERS, AS IT RELATES TO THE CONTINGENT
24 OFFERS MADE TO STAFF, HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO ASSIGN THE 121
25 PEOPLE RELEASED FROM THEIR CURRENT ASSIGNMENT?



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JERRY POWERS: WELL, SUPERVISOR, GOOD QUESTION. IF WE RELEASED THE -- WE COULD RELEASE THE 121 TOMORROW, GIVE THEM RELEASE DATES, THE PROBLEMATIC PART OF IT IS WE'VE GOT TO FILL BEHIND THOSE 121 POSITION THAT WE SENT TO FIELD SERVICES. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE D.O.J. FOR MANY YEARS NOW IN OUR CAMPS. AND WE'VE GOT SOME AGREEMENTS WITH D.O.J. WITH RESPECT TO STAFFING THAT WE NEED TO COMPLY WITH. SO IT'S NOT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO RELEASE 121 RIGHT AWAY, WHICH MEANS I'VE GOT TO GO AND HIRE AND RECRUIT AND DO THE ENHANCED BACKGROUNDS. I GAVE YOUR BOARD A TARGET OF DECEMBER FOR FILLING THESE POSITIONS AND I'M STILL HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN DO THAT BY DECEMBER. WE'VE HAD ONE ACADEMY CLASS GRADUATE ALREADY. WE HAVE ANOTHER ONE THAT WILL BE GRADUATING THE END OF AUGUST. AND WE WILL BE BEGINNING ANOTHER ACADEMY CLASS IN OCTOBER. SO WE ARE PUSHING AS QUICKLY AND AS HARD AS WE CAN TO FILL THE POSITIONS.

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SUP. ANTONOVICH: SO WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING ON THE BOARD SIDE. AND YOU'RE DOING EVERYTHING ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE TO MAKE THAT GOAL?

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JERRY POWERS: YOUR BOARD HAS NOT BEEN AN OBSTACLE TO US FILLING THOSE POSITIONS. THE DIFFICULTY IS IT'S WE'RE HIRING



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1 PEACE OFFICERS, SUPERVISOR. SO IT'S NOT A SITUATION WHERE
2 ANYONE WHO SHOWS UP CAN QUALIFY FOR THE JOB.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABSOLUTELY.

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6 **JERRY POWERS:** WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE HIRING PEOPLE OF
7 HIGH INTEGRITY AND WHO ARE ETHICAL AND WHO WANT TO WORK IN A
8 VERY DIFFICULT ENVIRONMENT, TO BE HONEST. THIS IS NOT -- YOU
9 KNOW, YOU GO TO WORK FOR EIGHT HOURS A DAY AND YOU WORK INSIDE
10 OF A CUSTODY FACILITY. YOU DON'T SEE THE SUN. YOU HAVE
11 INDIVIDUALS WHO EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE JUVENILES CAN BE EXTREMELY
12 HOSTILE TO YOU, SO IT'S A DIFFICULT JOB. AND YOU'VE GOT TO
13 FIND THE RIGHT PERSON TO DO THAT JOB.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON PAGE EIGHT OF YOUR SITE PROBATIONS
16 ABSCONDER PROFILE SHOWS THAT 57 PERCENT OF THE ABSCONDERS ARE
17 RECEIVING SOME TYPE OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. IS THERE A NOTIFICATION PROCESS TO
19 D.P.S.S. WHEN AN OFFENDER ABSCONDS, AND ARE THESE BENEFITS
20 DISCONTINUED? AND AT WHAT POINT ARE THEY DISCONTINUED?

21

22 **JERRY POWERS:** YES, IN SHORT. WE SEND A MONTHLY LIST TO
23 D.P.S.S. OF ABSCONDERS, INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NEWLY ABSCONDED.
24 SO THEY CAN BE REMOVED FROM THE PUBLIC ROLL, SO TO SPEAK.
25 WE'VE HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS ABOUT INCREASING THAT TO WEEKLY. I



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1 DON'T KNOW THAT THEY'RE FROM A PRODUCTIVITY STANDPOINT THAT
2 THAT WILL INCREASE THE RATE OR THE QUICKNESS WITH WHICH
3 SOMEONE DOESN'T RECEIVE THEIR MONEY, BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT'S
4 DONE MONTHLY. BUT WE'LL CERTAINLY EXPLORE THAT WITH D.P.S.S.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU ARE NOW IMPLEMENTING HOME VISITS TO
7 INCREASE CONTACT BETWEEN THE LINE STAFF AND THOSE UNDER THEIR
8 SUPERVISION AND THAT THIS CONTACT IS DIFFERENT THAN THE
9 TRADITIONAL COMPLIANCE CHECKS DONE JOINTLY WITH OUR LOCAL LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. COULD YOU DESCRIBE THE DIFFERENCE
11 BETWEEN THE TWO? DO PAROLE AGENTS CONDUCT HOME VISITS? AND ARE
12 PAROLE AGENTS ALSO ARMED AND ABLE TO CORRECT?

13

14 **JERRY POWERS:** YES. THE HOME VISIT, AS WE'RE CALLING IT. THE
15 FIELD CONTACT AT O AN OFFENDER'S HOME CAN BE SCHEDULED. MANY
16 TIMES THE OFFENDER GETS OUT. WE CAN SCHEDULE WITH THE OFFENDER
17 AND SAY WE'RE GOING TO COME BY NEXT TUESDAY. WE NEED TO CHECK
18 YOUR RESIDENCE MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY LIVING THERE, AS
19 I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD. MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS DON'T GIVE US
20 CORRECT ADDRESSES. AND UNLESS WE GO OUT AND CONFIRM THAT
21 THEY'RE THERE, WE WON'T KNOW THAT. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
22 THEY'RE NOT LIVING IN A SITUATION WHERE THEY'RE CREATING A NEW
23 CRIMINAL ACT OR EXPOSING INDIVIDUALS TO A NEW CRIMINAL ACT.
24 AND SO THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF A HOME VISIT. WE WILL ASK OUR
25 PROBATION OFFICERS TO PUT TOGETHER AN OUTLINE OF WHAT THE



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1 RESIDENCE LOOKS LIKE SO THAT IF WE DO HAVE TO GO BACK OR LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT HAS TO GO BACK AND CONDUCT A CRIMINAL
3 INTERVENTION, THAT WE KNOW THE LAYOUT OF THE HOUSE BEFORE WE
4 GO IN. WE WILL GET INFORMATION AS TO WHO LIVES IN THAT HOUSE.
5 ARE THERE YOUNG CHILDREN? ARE THERE VICIOUS DOGS THAT WE NEED
6 TO BE AWARE OF WHEN WE GO BACK OUT? WE CAN TELL THE OFFENDER
7 IF THERE ARE VICIOUS DOGS OR IF THERE ARE OBJECTS IN THE HOME
8 THAT THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO POSSESS, SUCH AS WEAPONS, WE CAN
9 TELL THEM THAT THEY MUST REMOVE THE DOGS OR THE WEAPONS, THAT
10 THEY CAN'T POSSESS THEM. AND IF THEY CONTINUE TO POSSESS THEM,
11 THAT CAN BE A VIOLATION OF THEIR TERMS OF RELEASE. SO THAT'S A
12 HOME VISIT. A COMPLIANCE CHECK IS AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION. YOU
13 GO OUT PREPARED TO ARREST IF NECESSARY. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT
14 EVERY COMPLIANCE CHECK SOMEBODY GOES TO JAIL. IF WE GO OUT AND
15 WE DO A COMPLIANCE CHECK OR L.A.P.D. OR THE SHERIFF OR WHOEVER
16 DOES A COMPLIANCE CHECK AND THEY'RE FOUND TO BE IN COMPLIANCE
17 WITH ALL THEIR TERMS AND CONDITIONS, THERE'S NO WEAPONS,
18 THERE'S NO DRUGS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, CONGRATULATIONS AND
19 GOOD JOB AND WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT MONTH. IF WE'RE GOING TO GO
20 OUT PREPARED FOR MAKING AN ARREST, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT
21 OUR OFFICERS ARE TRAINED AND THAT THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT SAFETY
22 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT. WHETHER THE SUPPORT IS FROM OUR S.E.O.
23 STAFF OR FROM SHERIFF'S STAFF OR OTHER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.
24 THAT'S PART OF THE TRAINING THAT THE PROBATION OFFICER GOES
25 THROUGH TO DETERMINE WHAT RESOURCES THEY NEED.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET'S SAY THESE COMPLIANCE OR THESE HOME
3 VISITS, ARE THEY EVER DONE BY JUST ONE PROBATION OFFICER?

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5 **JERRY POWERS:** THEY MAY BE. THERE'S CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE MAYBE
6 YOU'VE HAD A LONG RELATIONSHIP WITH AN OFFENDER WHO'S BEEN
7 COMPLIANT. I KNOW THAT'S NOT THE NORM. BUT WHO HAS GIVEN, YOU
8 KNOW, CLEAN DRUG TESTS, HAS BEEN ON THIS PROGRAM FOR 10 OR 11
9 MONTHS, IS COMPLETELY COMPLIANT. YOU'VE BEEN OUT SEVERAL TIMES
10 BEFORE. YOU DON'T HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE
11 NEIGHBORHOOD. THE INDIVIDUAL IS READY TO GET OFF OF THIS
12 PROGRAM. IF THE PROBATION OFFICER FEELS THAT THEY CAN GO AND
13 CONDUCT THAT VISIT ON THEIR OWN, THAT'S A JUDGMENT CALL THAT
14 THEY CAN MAKE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT PERCENT OF THE VISITS ARE IN THAT
17 CATEGORY?

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19 **JERRY POWERS:** I COULDN'T ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS IT LIKE 10 PERCENT VERSUS 80 PERCENT?

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23 **JERRY POWERS:** FOR THIS POPULATION, PROBABLY 10 PERCENT OR
24 LESS, YEAH.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, OKAY. SO OF THE 90 PERCENT OR 80
2 PERCENT, WHATEVER FIGURE, DO PROBATION OFFICERS DO A SOLO? OR
3 DO THEY HAVE SUPPORT WHEN THEY MAKE CONTACT WITH THE
4 INDIVIDUALS?

5

6 **JERRY POWERS:** WE LEAVE THAT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE PROBATION
7 OFFICER. THEY WANT TO TAKE A PARTNER, THEY MAY DO SO. IF THEY
8 WANT TO GO TO THE LOCAL POLICE AGENCY AND REQUEST THEIR
9 ASSISTANCE, THEY CAN DO THAT, AS WELL. SO THEY'RE NOT
10 PROHIBITED FROM REQUESTING A FELLOW OFFICER TO GO WITH THEM.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THEY'RE NOT ARMED?

13

14 **JERRY POWERS:** IT'S TO UP THE PROBATION OFFICER'S CALL. IF THEY
15 BELIEVE THEY NEED ARMED, THEN THEY CAN CERTAINLY REQUEST
16 S.E.O. SUPPORT OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. SOUTHARD, IN THE ISSUE OF THE MENTALLY
19 DISORDERED OFFENDERS, ARE THOSE NUMBERS INCREASING? AND HOW
20 MANY ARE YOU CURRENTLY TREATING?

21

22 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** CURRENTLY, SUPERVISOR, WE'RE TREATING 17 IN
23 TOTAL; 10 ON AN OUTPATIENT LEVEL, 2 IN I.M.D. STEPDOWN, 1 IS
24 WAITING FOR AN I.M.D., ONE IS WAITING FOR STATE HOSPITAL. AND



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1 WE HAVE ONE PERSON WHO IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE, SO IT'S A TOTAL
2 OF 17.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE REPORT THAT WAS GIVEN TO US BY THE
5 C.C.J.C.C. TALKS ABOUT THE NEED TO ADDRESS MEDICATION NEEDS OF
6 THE MENTALLY ILL. FOR THOSE OUTSIDE OF CUSTODY AND UNDER
7 PROBATION SUPERVISION, THEY RECOMMEND THAT REFUSAL TO TAKE
8 THIS MEDICATION RESULTS IN BEING REMANDED INTO CUSTODY TO
9 AVOID FURTHER DETERIORATION OF THE PERSON'S MENTAL CONDITION.
10 WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT?

11

12 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK THE SITUATION THAT IS
13 ENVISIONED IS WHERE SOMEONE WON'T TAKE THEIR MEDICATION, BUT
14 THAT THEY DON'T MEET THE 51/50 CRITERIA FOR INVOLUNTARY
15 TREATMENT. AND IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE TO BE TAKEN WOULD
16 BE A LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION TO ENFORCE THE TERMS OF PROBATION
17 THAT THEY COMPLY WITH THE TREATMENT RECOMMENDATIONS. AND I
18 THINK THAT WOULD BE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEN YOUR RECOMMENDATION THAT IN ABSENCE
21 OF THE PERSON BEING DECLARED 50/150, WE WOULD HAVE THAT
22 ABILITY THROUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT?

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24 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** THAT WOULD BE APPLIED WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES
25 WARRANT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
3 OR TO THE C.E.O., THE AMOUNT THAT WE ARE BEING REIMBURSED FOR
4 A BED IN OUR COUNTY JAIL IS 77 DOLLARS? AND THE COST TO THE
5 COUNTY IS 117 OR 119 DOLLARS A DAY? WHICH ONE?

6

7 **TERRI MCDONALD:** SO WE DON'T GET THE DAILY JAIL RATE LIKE WE
8 USED TO 77 DOLLARS A DAY. BUT THE BULK RATE FUNDING I THINK IS
9 PROBABLY ROUGHLY 77 AND IT COSTS US ROUGHLY 118.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO HERE WE ONCE AGAIN HAVE AN UNFUNDED
12 MANDATE THAT IS NOT JUST L.A. COUNTY'S PROBLEM, BUT ALL 58
13 COUNTIES AND THE STATE. WE'RE DEALING WITH A STATE PROBLEM.
14 AND THE GOVERNOR OUGHT TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPACT IT'S HAVING ON
15 THE ENTIRE STATE RELATIVE TO THE UNFUNDED MANDATE BECAUSE THAT
16 MEANS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE MONEY FROM OTHER VITAL
17 SERVICES TO BACKFILL THIS SHORTAGE OF FUNDS. AND, AGAIN, THE
18 109 MAY LOOK WONDERFUL ON PAPER, BUT IN REALITY, WE HAVE
19 CREATED A LOT OF PROBLEMS, CRIMINALS CREATING CRIMES ON
20 INNOCENT PEOPLE, AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY HAVING TO PAY FOR
21 THESE ADDITIONAL COSTS THAT WERE NOT FACTORED IN WHEN THIS LAW
22 WAS DEVELOPED. AND SO THE LAW NEEDS TO BE CHANGED. IT NEEDS TO
23 BE REFORMED. AND WE APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP AND APOLOGIZE
24 BECAUSE WE'RE ALL IN THIS SAME BOAT TOGETHER FOR THE HARD WORK
25 YOU'RE HAVING TO DO WITH THE PROBLEM THAT WAS NOT YOUR



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1 RESPONSIBILITY. THE STATE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS TYPE
2 OF PERSON. AND THEY CAN CONTRACT IN STATE AND OUT OF STATE FOR
3 THESE BEDS INSTEAD OF HAVING THE COUNTIES SHOULDER THIS
4 BURDEN. BUT YOUR LEADERSHIP, WE APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
7 ANTONOVICH. SUPERVISOR KNABE, QUESTIONS?

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS WE TALKED ABOUT
10 CONSOLIDATION AT THE PRE-RELEASE CENTER AS IT RELATES TO
11 HEALTH SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH. IS THAT TAKING PLACE? AND
12 GETTING EVERYONE TOGETHER THERE? PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH
13 SERVICES?

14

15 **JERRY POWERS:** YES, SUPERVISOR, IT IS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** SO, I MEAN IT'S ALL IN PLACE? I KNOW THAT WORKING
18 ON IT.

19

20 **JERRY POWERS:** YES. I THINK DR. FIELDING WAS TALKING THERE WAS
21 STILL ONE LOCATION THAT THEY WERE WORKING ON COLOCATING AT.

22

23 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YES THAT'S THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND
24 THAT'S PENDING. WE EXPECT TO DO THAT SOON.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THE OTHER ISSUE BEING AS IT RELATED TO OUR COURT
2 SYSTEM AND THE IMPACTS THERE. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, C.C.J.C.C.
3 REPORTS THAT THEY'RE ALL GOING TO BE HEARD IN OUR LOCAL COURT
4 SYSTEM. AND OBVIOUSLY WITH THE CLOSURES AND EVEN WITH SOME
5 BACKFILL MONEY, WE STILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES. SO HAS THERE
6 BEEN ANY FEEL FOR WHAT THE IMPACT HAS BEEN ON OUR COURT SYSTEM
7 AS IT RELATES TO 109 ISSUES?

8

9 **MARK DELGADO:** WELL CERTAINLY THE STATISTICS ARE WHAT WE WOULD
10 HAVE THOUGHT I THINK WITH THE POST RELEASE IN TERMS OF THE
11 HIGH VOLUME AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, PUBLIC
12 DEFENDER'S OFFICE, ALTERNATE P.D. OFFICE AND THE COURT HAVE
13 ALL STAFFED UP FOR THE POST RELEASE SIDE. THE NEWER CHANGE
14 WHICH I MENTIONED FROM THE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION WAS THE
15 FACT THAT THE PAROLE REVOCATIONS ARE NOW GOING THROUGH COURT
16 ALSO, AND THAT WAS EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST. SO THAT'S SOMETHING
17 THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE MONITORING. AND ALL THE AGENCIES ARE TO
18 SEE WHAT KIND OF IMPACT IT HAS ON STAFFING NEEDS. YOU
19 MENTIONED THE COURT CLOSURES. THE COURT DID TURN IN THEIR --
20 TURN THEIR CENTRAL ARRAIGNMENT COURTS INTO A REVOCATION
21 CENTER. SO THEY'RE NOW THE REVOCATION COURTS ARE HANDLING THE
22 POST RELEASE REVOCATIONS AS WELL AS PAROLE REVOCATIONS.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** SO IS THIS ADDITIONAL COURTROOMS, THEN?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NOT NEW COURTROOMS BUT CONVERTED
2 IT FOR THIS PURPOSE AND MOVED OTHER CASES --

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WE HAVE OBVIOUSLY OTHER CRIMINAL AND CIVIL ISSUES
5 THAT ARE GETTING PUSHED BACK BECAUSE OF THIS?

6

7 **MARK DELGADO:** LIKE YOU SAID, IT'S PART OF THE CONSOLIDATION
8 PLAN THAT THE COURT HAD TO IMPLEMENT TO MAKE DUE WITH THE
9 RESOURCES THEY HAD.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO IN YOUR REPORT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, YOU
12 INDICATE THAT PART OF OUR JAIL POPULATION, ABOUT 32 PERCENT OF
13 THE JAIL POPULATION ARE 109 FOLKS? IS THERE ANY TRENDING AS TO
14 WHAT THAT MAY BE IN THE NEXT YEAR?

15

16 **TERRI MCDONALD:** WE HAVE STAYED PRETTY STABLE REALLY AT 59 IN
17 THE LAST MONTH OR TWO IT'S TRENDED UP SLIGHTLY. IT WAS
18 ORIGINALLY SUPPOSED TO BE 8,000. I CAN'T IMAGINE IT HITTING
19 THE 8,000. BUT WE'RE KEEPING AN EYE ON IT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** EVEN WITH THE ADDITIONAL LOSS OF APPEAL TO THE
22 JUDGE AND THE WHOLE SITUATION, YOU DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO
23 TREND UP? IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A MAJOR TREND UP TO 8,000. BUT
24 WE'LL KEEP AN EYE ON IT AND KEEP REPORTING ON IT.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE.
4 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ANY QUESTIONS? THE QUESTION OF RE-
5 ENTRY IS A QUESTION HUGE ONE FOR US. PRIOR TO GETTING TO THAT
6 IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE CHECK-INS THAT HAPPENED ARE CONTINUING
7 TO BE A POINT OF CONCERN IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS. FIRST, GET
8 FEEDBACK THAT SUGGESTS THAT IT'S VERY DISRUPTIVE, INTRUSIVE
9 AND PROBLEMATIC. THE ORIGINAL POINT AT WHICH THESE ISSUES WERE
10 RAISED, IT WAS SAID IN PRETTY PLAIN LANGUAGE THAT THERE WAS AT
11 LEAST A TRAINING THAT WAS NEW. AND THIS IS APPROXIMATELY A
12 YEAR AGO, PARTICULARLY WHEN SPEAKING WITH THE LOS ANGELES
13 POLICE DEPARTMENT, I SPOKE WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE HIMSELF
14 WHO SAID, LOOK, THIS IS BRAND NEW. WE'RE DOING THE BEST WE
15 CAN. TELL US WHAT WE NEED TO DO. WE NEED TRAINING, ET CETERA.
16 WHAT PROGRESS HAS REALLY BEEN MADE ON THAT FRONT? BECAUSE I
17 THINK THE CONCERNS CONTINUE. AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE SOME
18 INDICATION IF THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER CAN PROVIDE IT AS TO
19 THE NUMBER OF CONCERNS, CALL THEM COMPLAINTS, CONVERSATIONS,
20 FROM THE RESPECTIVE ENTITIES THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
21 PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE PERSONS WHO ARE UNDER THE
22 CARE OR CUSTODY OR JURISDICTION OF AN A.B.109-RELATED PROGRAM.
23 DR. SOUTHARD AND I HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT THIS AND CONCERN RAISED
24 IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME CORRECTLY, DR. SOUTHARD WAS THE
25 POTENTIAL FOR RETRAUMATIZING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IN RECOVERY



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1 AND SEEKING TO PUT THEIR LIVES TOGETHER IN THE APPROPRIATE
2 WAY. I DON'T KNOW THAT THE TRAINING HAS MET THE CHALLENGE OF
3 MAKING SURE THE COMPLIANCE CHECKS ARE DONE IN A WAY THAT ALL
4 PARTIES WOULD FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH. CHIEF POWERS I SEEK NOT
5 TO SPEAK FOR YOU. SO PERHAPS YOU SHOULD GIVE YOUR OWN
6 ASSESSMENT OF WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF FULFILLING A
7 SATISFACTORY COMPLIANCE CHECK KIND OF OBLIGATION, HOW CLOSE WE
8 ARE TO GETTING ON OPTIMAL LEVEL OF SERVICES AND/OR WHAT NEEDS
9 TO BE DONE TO MAKE THIS RIGHT? I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT
10 CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS, OBJECTIONS AND THE LIKE WILL CONTINUE
11 UNABATED. AND GIVE THE BOARD SOME SENSE OF WHERE THE GAPS ARE
12 CURRENTLY, TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU CAN DO SO.

13

14 **JERRY POWERS:** SUPERVISOR, I BELIEVE YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE
15 COMPLIANCE CHECKS AT THE TREATMENT PROVIDERS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PRECISELY.

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19 **JERRY POWERS:** WE HAVE ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH THE SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT, L.A.P.D. AND THE OTHER CITY POLICE AGENCIES ABOUT
21 THE SENSITIVITY OF IT. I THINK -- AND YOU'RE CORRECT. ABOUT A
22 YEAR AGO, IT BECAME A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE. I THINK, TO BE FAIR
23 TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, IT WAS SOMETHING THAT THEY
24 WERE NOT ACCUSTOMED TO DOING.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THEY SAID SO.

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3 **JERRY POWERS:** AND THEY DIDN'T DO A VERY GOOD JOB OF IT TO
4 START OFF WITH. AND I DON'T THINK I'M CRITICIZING THEM ANY
5 MORE THAN THEY CRITICIZED THEMSELVES.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO, THEY ADMITTED THAT.

8

9 **JERRY POWERS:** YEAH. TO THEIR CREDIT, THEY HELD SOME FORUMS.
10 THEY TALKED TO SOME OF THE PROVIDERS. THEY TALKED TO US ABOUT
11 WHAT SHOULD WE DO DIFFERENTLY? THEIR FIRST AND PRIMARY, AS IS
12 MINE, IS THE SAFETY OF THEIR OFFICERS. THEY DON'T WANT TO GO
13 PUT THEIR STAFF IN HARM'S WAY UNNECESSARILY.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

16

17 **JERRY POWERS:** AND SO WE TALKED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, A COMPLIANCE
18 CHECK AT A TREATMENT FACILITY IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT
19 BECAUSE THE ASSUMPTION AT THE TREATMENT FACILITY IS YOU HAVE
20 AN OFFENDER WHO'S IN COMPLIANCE. THEY'RE AT THE FACILITY WE'VE
21 ASKED THEM TO GO TO AND THEY'VE ENGAGED IN TREATMENT. SO THE
22 PROBABILITY OF THEM ENGAGING IN CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR OR BEING
23 ASSAULTED IS LESS IN THAT FACILITY THAN, FRANKLY, IN A PARK OR
24 IN THEIR HOME OR THINGS LIKE THAT. AND TO GIVE THOSE AGENCIES
25 CREDIT, I THINK THAT THEY'VE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT. THEY WILL TELL



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1 YOU THEY'RE NOT PERFECT AT ALL IT. BUT I THINK THEY'VE MADE A
2 LOT OF IMPROVEMENTS. AS FAR AS COMPLAINTS TO MYSELF FOR OUR
3 OFFICE FROM THE TREATMENT PROVIDERS, THEY'VE SUBSIDED
4 SIGNIFICANTLY. I THINK YOU'LL STILL SEE -- WE GET COMPLAINTS
5 ON HOW PROBATION OFFICERS DO COMPLIANCE CHECKS. NO ONE LIKES
6 TO HAVE, WHETHER IT'S YOUR HOME OR A TREATMENT FACILITY,
7 SOMEONE COME IN AND SAY, "I REALLY DON'T CARE IF YOU WANT ME
8 HERE, I'M COMING IN AND I'M GOING TO LOOK AROUND AND OH BY THE
9 WAY, YOU CAN'T HAVE THIS HERE BECAUSE HE'S HERE." THAT'S NOT A
10 CONVERSATION ANY OF US WOULD WANT TO HAVE. BECAUSE IT'S OUR
11 HOME, IT'S OUR CASTLE. SO BY THE NATURE OF THEM, COMPLIANCE
12 CHECKS ARE DIFFICULT TO DO AND MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY WITH. THE
13 POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, AS PART OF OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT
14 COMMITTEE, AS PART OF THE P.S.R.T., WE HAVE MONTHLY
15 DISCUSSIONS ABOUT IT AT OUR MEETINGS. WE ARE ADOPTING A BEST
16 PRACTICES, I GUESS, FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM TEMPLATE TO
17 SHARE L.A. COUNTYWIDE FOR ALL AGENCIES BECAUSE I'M SURE AS YOU
18 KNOW AS A NEW SERGEANT COMES INTO A UNIT, THINGS CAN CHANGE
19 AND PHILOSOPHIES. SO WE HAVE TAKEN YOUR INSTRUCTIONS AND YOUR
20 DESIRES AND HAVE WORKED WITH THEM ON THAT. AND I THINK THE
21 VAST MAJORITY OF TREATMENT PROVIDERS WOULD TELL YOU THEY'RE
22 MORE SENSITIVE. THEY'RE DOING A BETTER JOB OF IT TODAY THAN
23 THEY WERE A YEAR AGO.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE
2 PROTECTIVE ON THIS FLOOR BECAUSE THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT
3 PIECE OF THIS, PUBLIC SAFETY AGENDA, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE. TO
4 HAVE A REVOLVING DOOR DRIVEN BY A SENSE OF "WE CAN'T MAKE THIS
5 ANY BETTER" IS PRETTY MUCH A FATALISTIC APPROACH TO DEALING
6 WITH THIS. SO THOSE THAT WE CAN HELP, WE WILL DO EVERYTHING
7 THAT WE CAN WITHIN REASON TO HELP THEM. SO YOU MAKE THE
8 IMPORTANT DISTINCTION IF THEY'RE IN TREATMENT, THAT'S A
9 SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD. AND SENSITIVITY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
10 OF THAT CAN BE MADE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THOSE WHO BY
11 OBLIGATION ARE DOING THE COMPLIANCE CHECKS. MY QUESTION AS A
12 FOLLOW-UP IS: HOW MANY SUCH TREATMENT FACILITIES ARE CURRENTLY
13 IN CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE COUNTY OR OPERATING
14 UNDER A.B.109 IF YOU HAVE SUCH A NUMBER AVAILABLE, READILY
15 AVAILABLE? IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW THIS. THIS IS A LARGE
16 COUNTY. WE'VE GOT A LARGE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS, RIGHT? SO WE
17 NEED TO KIND OF KNOW THE SCALE OF WHICH WE ARE SPEAKING. VERY
18 IMPORTANT. IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT NOW, BY THE END OF THE DAY,
19 JUST TRY TO GET THE BOARD MEMBERS A LIST OF THEM. DO IT BY
20 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. AND JUST GIVE US A SENSE OF THAT. THE
21 SECOND POINT I WANT TO MAKE IS PERHAPS A SURVEY ISSUED BY YOUR
22 DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION PERHAPS WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND ANY
23 OTHER ENTITY JUST TO GET A SENSE OF WHAT THE FEEDBACK IS. IS
24 IT BETTER? WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD YOU MAKE? IF OUR
25 OBJECTIVE IS TO GET THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IN TREATMENT



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1 FUNCTIONAL IS NOT JUST TO KEEP THEM IN TREATMENT IN
2 PERPETUITY, IT IS TO ESSENTIALLY CAUSE THEM TO GO THROUGH
3 THERE AND GET OTHERS IN TREATMENT PROGRAM SO THEY CAN
4 FUNCTION. AND THIS IS THE BEGINNING STEPS. YOU CALL IT THE
5 RUDIMENTARY STEPS OF RECOVERY AND/OR RE-ENTRY. THAT'S WHAT WE
6 REALLY WANT TO DO. THAT IS AS MUCH A PART OF PUBLIC SAFETY AS
7 THE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE WITH RESPECT TO INCARCERATION OF THOSE
8 WHO ARE JUST STRAIGHT OUT VIOLATING THE LAW AND VIOLATING
9 THEIR PROBATION. THE MORE PEOPLE WE CAN GET ON THEIR FEET TO
10 BE FUNCTIONAL CONTRIBUTORS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES,
11 THE BETTER. THAT SERVES PUBLIC SAFETY. SO TWO THINGS. ONE, THE
12 LIST FOR THE BOARD TO SEE HOW MANY TREATMENT FACILITIES WE
13 HAVE AND IS IT ADEQUATE?

14

15 **JERRY POWERS:** SPECIFIC TO 109 OR JUST COUNTYWIDE OR BOTH?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I'M REALLY DRILLING DOWN
18 ON THE QUESTION OF THE COMPLIANCE CHECKS.

19

20 **JERRY POWERS:** OKAY.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND I THINK OUR CONCERN TODAY IS
23 109. IF THERE'S A SEPARATE GROUP THAT YOU WANT TO MAKE US
24 AWARE OF, THAT'S FINE. AND THEN SECOND POINT IS: WOULD IT NOT
25 BE USEFUL TO LEARN IF WE ARE DOING THIS BETTER THAN NOT? I



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1 THINK BEE OUGHT TO BE PROACTIVE ON THAT FRONT. AND THE REASON
2 IS SOME OF US ARE STILL GETTING FEEDBACK THAT THERE ARE
3 COMPLIANCE CHECK PROBLEMS. AND I HAVE NO AGENDA TO MAKE IT
4 SEEM WORSE OR BETTER THAN IT REALLY IS. WE JUST OUGHT TO KNOW.
5 WE NEED TO KNOW FROM THE TREATMENT PROVIDERS AS BEST AS
6 POSSIBLE. SO IF AN INSTRUMENT -- I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD BE
7 ELABORATE, IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE, I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW. BY
8 THE TIME YOU ARE SCHEDULED FOR YOUR NEXT PRESENTATION,
9 COMPILATION OF THAT DATA WOULD BE USEFUL IN TERMS OF HOW THOSE
10 RESPONSES CAME IN. IF YOU WOULD COMPLY WITH THAT, THAT COULD
11 PROVE TO BE VERY USEFUL. ALONG WITH YOUR BEST PRACTICES
12 SCENARIO, THAT'S ALL USEFUL AND HELPFUL, AS WELL.

13

14 **JERRY POWERS:** SUPERVISOR?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

17

18 **JERRY POWERS:** I WOULD ASK THAT IF YOU ARE -- OR WHEN YOU DO
19 RECEIVE THOSE INQUIRIES OR THOSE --

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU BET.

22

23 **JERRY POWERS:** CONCERNS, IF YOU'D FORWARD THEM.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY.



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2 **JERRY POWERS:** TO MY OFFICE. IT WOULD KIND OF HELP US TO SEE IF
3 THERE'S A TREND HERE. IS IT WITH ONE AGENCY?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** EXACTLY. ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER
6 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS AT THIS POINT? WE DO HAVE THOSE WHO WISH
7 TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT. AND AT THIS POINT, WE
8 WILL ACCOMMODATE THOSE REQUESTS. I NOTE THE NAME OF RALPH
9 MILLER, JIM SCHOENGARTH, SUE CLINE, ARNOLD SACHS, ANDREA
10 GORDON, PERRY BERKOWITZ, MELLO DESIRE, JOHN WALSH, AAZIM
11 MUHAMMAD. DENISE PAZ, IN THAT ORDER, IF YOU'D COME FORWARD.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN, MR. CHAIRMAN, AFTER THEY SPEAK, I MOVE
14 THAT WE PUT ON THE TABLE FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR
15 TO SUPPORT THE SENATE BILL 57, WHICH WOULD BE FULL
16 REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS, EARLY RELEASE.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.
19 WE'LL LAY IT ON THE TABLE UNTIL SUCH TIME. ARE THERE ANY
20 OBJECTIONS BY ANY MEMBER AT THIS POINT IN TIME?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WE TALKED ABOUT FULL REIMBURSEMENT
23 COSTS.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** DO WE HAVE A COPY OF THAT? LET
2 ME ASK THAT THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE PROVIDE THE BOARD ON THE
3 MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SEEKS TO -- (GAVEL) --S.B.--
4 57 GIVE US A COPY OF THAT AND WHATEVER ANALYSIS THAT YOUR
5 OFFICE MAY HAVE BEFORE WE TAKE IT UP. THANK YOU. SIR.

6

7 **RALPH MILLER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD MORNING, MAYBE
8 AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

11

12 **RALPH MILLER:** ALL RIGHT. I WANT TO START OFF BY SAYING THAT AS
13 I SIT HERE I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT TODAY, 37 YEARS AGO I STARTED
14 AS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE AND AS A DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER,
15 CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL UNIT EF. SO THIS MARKS MY 37TH YEAR. I'M
16 PROUD TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE COUNTY AND THE
17 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** CONGRATULATIONS.

20

21 **RALPH MILLER:** IN LOOKING AT THE RECENT REPORT, THE AUGUST
22 REPORT FROM THE CHIEF, IT LOOKS VERY SIMILAR TO THE JUNE
23 REPORT. DIDN'T HAVE A JULY REPORT. IT SEEMS THAT NOT MUCH HAS
24 CHANGED. I SAW A LOT OF STATISTICS. AND BEING AN OLD SOCIOLOGY
25 MAJOR, I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT STATISTICS IN COLLEGE. AND I



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1 REMEMBER ONE OF MY PROFESSORS DRILLING INTO US THAT STATISTICS
2 ARE LIKE A BIKINI. WHAT IT REVEALS IS INTERESTING, BUT WHAT IT
3 CONCEALS IS VITAL. WELL, THERE IS A LOT THAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN
4 THIS REPORT. AND THE PRINCIPAL THINGS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN
5 THIS REPORT ARE THE KEYS TO MAKING ANY PROGRAM WORK FOR THIS
6 A.B.109 OR SOMETHING ELSE, AND THAT IS STAFFING, TRAINING AND
7 EQUIPMENT. AND THAT WE DON'T HAVE. AND UNTIL WE HAVE THAT,
8 WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO SUCCEED WITH A.B.109. UNTIL WE
9 ALSO STOP ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL AND FILL THE OTHER 700 TO
10 800 POSITIONS IN FIELD SERVICES THAT ARE NORMAL PROBATION
11 RESPONSIBILITIES OUTSIDE OF A.B.109, WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET
12 THE JOB DONE. UNTIL WE STAFF THE CAMPS AND UNTIL THE WE STAFF
13 THE HALLS, WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET THE JOB DONE. SO I URGE YOU
14 THE DIRECT QUESTIONS NEED TO BE ASKED NOT JUST A BUNCH OF
15 PICTURES BECAUSE OTHERWISE YOU CAN TAKE IT AS SMOKE AND
16 MIRRORS LUBRICATED WITH SNAKE OIL. THANK YOU.

17
18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, THANK YOU, MR.
19 MILLER AND CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 37 YEARS.

20
21 **JIM SCHOENGARTH:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE
22 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT HEADS RESPONSIBLE FOR
23 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A.B.109. MY NAME IS JIM SCHOENGARTH
24 PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U.'S 721 BARGAINING UNIT 702 ASSOCIATION OF
25 PROBATION SUPERVISORS. STARTING OUT AS A D.P.O. TRAINEE I HAVE



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1 PROUDLY SERVED THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR
2 APPROXIMATELY 36 YEARS INCLUDING 12 YEARS AS SUPERVISING
3 DETENTION SERVICES OFFICER AND THE LAST 13 YEARS AS A
4 SUPERVISING DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER. AS AN OPERATIONAL
5 SUPERVISOR, I HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
6 PROBATION DEPARTMENT: PAST, PRESENT AND WITH MANY YEARS TO GO,
7 ITS FUTURE. YES, I WILL BE HERE, GOD WILLING, FOR A MINIMUM OF
8 50 YEARS OF SERVICE. AFTER A LATE NIGHT READ THIS MORNING OF
9 THIS MORNING'S PRESENTATION BY OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD, JERRY
10 POWERS, I WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS MY COMMENTS ON THE AREA OF
11 EMERGING ISSUES. MY CONCERN IS WITH WHAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED
12 AND WHAT INFORMATION HAS BEEN EXCLUDED. ON AUGUST 2, 2013, THE
13 UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT RULED AGAINST THE STATE OF
14 CALIFORNIA AND ORDERED THE CALIFORNIA PRISON EARLY RELEASE
15 PLAN TO CONTINUE WITH THE RELEASE OF AN ADDITIONAL 10,000
16 INMATES BY THE YEAR'S END. THIS FACT, AND THE IMPACT IT WILL
17 HAVE ON THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS AN EMERGING ISSUE, ONE
18 THAT CANNOT BE IGNORED. ASIDE FROM THE 10,000 ADDITIONAL
19 PRISON INMATES BEING RELEASED FROM CALIFORNIA PRISONS, THERE
20 ARE OTHER ISSUES, SPECIFICALLY TRAINING. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT
21 CONCERNS BOTH SUPERVISORS AND OFFICERS ALIKE. WE HAVE MANY
22 CONCERNS THAT SO FAR HAVE GONE UNHEEDED BY THIS DEPARTMENT.
23 LIMITED AND REDUCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES HAVE THE UNIONS
24 CONCERNED FOR OUR COMMUNITY. AND THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR
25 DIRE CONSEQUENCES RELATIVE TO THE SAFETY OF OUR MEMBERS AND



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1 THE BOARD'S CONSTITUENTS, THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JUST A
5 POINT OF CLARIFICATION, DID YOU SAY 50 YEARS? DID I HEAR 50?

6

7 **JIM SCHOENGARTH:** I WILL BE RETIRING AT THE AGE OF 75 WITH 50
8 YEARS OF IN THE DEPARTMENT. I ONLY NOW HAVE -- I'M 60 YEARS
9 OLD NOW, SIR. SO THAT'S 36 YEARS. I GOT 14 MORE TO GO.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO I DID HEAR YOU CORRECTLY. YOU
12 SAID 50 YEARS.

13

14 **JIM SCHOENGARTH:** I WILL BE DOING 50 YEARS, YES. UNDER PLAN A.
15 GOD WILLING. [LAUGHTER.]

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
18 TESTIMONY AND YOUR INTIMIDATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
19 [LAUGHTER.] ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE? MA'AM?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MR. MAYOR, THERE'S BEEN
22 SOME REAL PEARLS OF WISDOM HERE THIS MORNING. I WANT TO THANK
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR REMINDING ME THAT YOU DO NEED TO
24 KNOW WHEN TO HOLD 'EM AND WHEN TO FOLD 'EM AND WE'RE NOT READY
25 TO FOLD UP YET. BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU THIS. I WANT TO THANK



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1 MR. POWERS FOR HIS PRESENTATION BECAUSE IT SPURRED SOME THINGS
2 IN ME I HAD FORGOTTEN. YOU'RE RIGHT. THE FIRST SHOOTING THAT
3 WE HAD WHERE AN OFFICER WAS SHOT IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN 113
4 YEARS HAPPENED IN JUNE. AND IF IT HAPPENED AT A PLACE WHERE IT
5 WAS NON-A.B.109, NON-PROBATION, WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU KNOCK
6 AT A DOOR UNARMED WITH SOMEBODY ON 109 PROBATION OR ANY OTHER
7 FELONY PROBATION? YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO BE THERE. THE
8 REQUEST FOR OFFICERS TO SKETCH OUT THE RESIDENCE INSIDE AND
9 OUT EQUALS A COMPLIANCE CHECK. IF YOU WANT THAT, FURNISH A
10 CAMERA. THAT WAY EVERYTHING GOES INTO THE DATABASE. IT'S
11 IMPERATIVE THAT THE 3,000 PLUS DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICERS THAT
12 WE HAVE WITH THIS DEPARTMENT WHO ARE DEDICATED, HARD WORKING
13 INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO DO THEIR JOB ARE PROPERLY TRAINED AND
14 EQUIPPED AND THEY'RE NOT GIVEN THEIR SAFETY EQUIPMENT IN THE
15 PARKING LOT OF AN AREA OFFICE WHERE THE COURTROOM LOCATED IN
16 IT SO THAT EVERYBODY SEES WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY DO. OUR
17 PEOPLE WANT TO DO A GOOD JOB FOR THE TAXPAYERS. WE WANT TO DO
18 WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO FOR OUR CLIENTS. WE NEED THE
19 TRAINING. WE NEED THE STAFFING. AND WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO HAVE
20 SAFETY EQUIPMENT THAT WE'RE TRAINED ON HOW TO USE. WE HAD ONE
21 ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING, WHY? BECAUSE LIGHT SCOPES WERE PUT ON
22 WEAPONS PRIOR TO THE PEOPLE BEING TRAINED ON THEM. AND ANOTHER
23 QUESTION I HAVE IS: WHY IS IT THAT WE'RE HAVING ARMING POOL
24 CLASSES? AND IT'S SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER THEY GO TO THESE CLASSES



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1 THAT THEY GET THEIR WEAPONS. DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S SOMETHING
2 THAT HAS TO BE DONE CONSISTENTLY AND SIGNIFICANTLY? THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
5 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. A
8 COUPLE OF THINGS TO BE BROUGHT UP. JERRY POWERS MENTIONED THAT
9 YOU BUDGETED 363 POSITIONS. HE'S FILLED 240. HE HAS 123 OPEN.
10 BACK IN OCTOBER 11TH OF 2011, YOU INITIATED AN INTERIM
11 ORDINANCE THAT ALLOWED YOU TO FUND FOR 497 POSITIONS. 172 FOR
12 THE PROBATION OFFICE, 278 FOR THE SHERIFF. SO WOULD THESE
13 POSITIONS THAT WERE TALKED ABOUT TODAY, WOULD THEY INCLUDE THE
14 172 POSITIONS? BECAUSE AS I SAID EARLIER, WHEN YOU TALKED
15 ABOUT D.C.F.S., YOU BUDGETED FOR 550. YOU HIRED 150. EXCUSE
16 ME. YOU BUDGETED FOR 650. YOU HIRED 150. YOU LEFT 500
17 POSITIONS UNFILLED. THE CASELOADS, YOU SAID HE HOPED TO BRING
18 DOWN TO 27:1 OR 23:1. BUT BACK IN 3/19/13 THE CASELOADS FOR
19 D.C.F.S., THEY AVERAGED 45:1. THE AVERAGE SHOULD BE 31:1. THE
20 AVERAGE NOW IN D.C.F.S. IS 45:1. SIX THOUSAND INMATES FROM
21 STATE PRISONS, WHEN THEY TALKED ABOUT THE FUNDING PER BED, I
22 BELIEVE BACK IN JUNE OF 2011, THE SHERIFF GOT UP HERE AND
23 MENTIONED THAT HE WANTED TO DO THE PROBATION BECAUSE THE STATE
24 PAYS MORE THAN THE COUNTY. SO HOW COME YOU'RE SETTTLING FOR
25 THAT? AND THEN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH GOT ALL BENT OUT OF SHAPE



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1 ABOUT SOME THINGS ABOUT FUNDING. AND IF HE HAD MENTIONED THE
2 CLOSED SESSION HEARING YOU HAD WITH THE GOVERNOR REGARDING
3 PROP 30 AND HOW IT'S FUNDED A.B.109, MAYBE THERE WOULD HAVE
4 BEEN A CHANGE AND HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAY, "DO YOU KNOW
5 WHAT? IF YOU VOTE FOR PROP 30, YOU'RE GOING TO FUND WITH THIS
6 RELEASE." THINK ABOUT THAT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **DENISE PAZ:** ALL RIGHT. HI, I'M DENISE PAZ, AS JERRY POWERS
11 MENTIONED, SIX OFFICERS HURT IN A HOME VISIT. CAN YOU IMAGINE
12 WHAT I FEAR FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE? THIS IS MY CHIEF CONCERN
13 WHERE MY CHILDREN RESIDE. YOUR DEPARTMENT D.C.F.S. HAS
14 APPROVED A HOME, PER ADOPTION, HARBORING THREE HIGH CONTROL
15 PAROLEES, 789 (INAUDIBLE) AVENUE LA PUENTE AVENUE CALIFORNIA
16 91746. I AM ASKING A SPECIAL UNIT TO ACCOMPANY THE PAROLE
17 OFFICER EVERY TIME THERE'S A COMPLIANCE CHECK MY CHILDREN HAVE
18 BEEN BURDENED TODAY PARTICIPATE WITH THESE HIGH CONTROL
19 PAROLEES LIKE GETTING UP EARLY IN THE MORNING, HANDCUFFED,
20 GUNS POINTED TO THEIR HEADS, YELLED AT EVERY TIME THERE IS A
21 PAROLE ROUTINE. AND I HAVE PROOF TO BACK UP MY CLAIMS, AS I
22 ALWAYS MENTION. THESE PAROLE CONTROLEES ARE DEEPLY IN MEXICAN
23 MACHO POLITICS ALL HAVE BEEN GUNNED SHOT DOWN D.C.F.S.
24 (INAUDIBLE) FROM GLENDORA OFFICE, DENIES IT'S OCCURRING
25 BECAUSE D.C.F.S. HAVE SUCKED OFF FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE STATE.



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1 ALSO GLENDORA OFFICE NEEDS TO BE RAIDED BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT
2 OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT THAT OFFICE. THIS IS HORRID AND
3 DEHUMANIZING. STOP CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY TO A CHILD AND
4 STOP THEIR THIRD WORLD GUTTER STANDARDS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MISS PAZ, CHIEF
7 POWERS, THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF ONE OF THE CONCERNS YOU MIGHT
8 WANT TO GIVE SOME ATTENTION TO. SO IF YOU COULD HAVE A
9 CONVERSATION SIDEBAR WITH MISS PAZ, I THINK YOU WOULD FIND IT
10 INSTRUCTIVE. THIS IS CHIEF POWERS, THIS IS MISS PAZ, PLEASE
11 HAVE THE CONVERSATION. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

12

13 **ANDREA GORDON:** MY NAME IS ANDREA GORDON I WORK AT THE L.A.
14 COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I'M A DIRECTOR AT THEIR PASADENA
15 OFFICE. I'M HERE TODAY REPRESENTING THE PROBATION MANAGERS,
16 AFSCME LOCAL 1967, ALSO KNOWN AS P.M.A., PROFESSIONAL MANAGERS
17 ASSOCIATION. I HAVE SOME STRONG CONCERNS ABOUT IF REPORT WE
18 SAW HERE TODAY. I DON'T THINK IT TELLS THE ENTIRE PICTURE OF
19 WHAT WE'RE FACING IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT WITH REGARDS TO
20 SHORTAGES. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 700 VACANCIES IN OUR FIELD
21 OPERATION AND A LIKE NUMBER IN OUR INSTITUTIONS. I'VE BEEN
22 WAITING FOR THE RELEASE OF ONE PROBATION OFFICER TO REPORT TO
23 MY OFFICE SINCE LAST OCTOBER. I WAITED FOR A CLERK FOR 7-1/2
24 MONTHS. THE VACANCY FACTORS ARE HUGE. AND THE IMPACT IS
25 TREMENDOUS. IF WE DON'T ADEQUATELY SUPERVISE AND MONITOR THE



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1 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROBATIONERS THAT REPORT TO OUR
2 OFFICES FOR OUR SUPERVISION, THEN WE CANNOT ENSURE THEIR
3 COMPLIANCE. AND THEY WILL BASICALLY, IN MY OPINION, RUN AMUCK,
4 AND YOU WILL HAVE MORE CRIMES COMMITTED THAT ARE AFFECTING
5 PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WHEN THEY GET ARRESTED
6 AND VIOLATED FOR THEIR PROBATION, THEY RETURN TO THE COUNTY
7 JAIL, THIS TIME AS A.B.109. AND YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SEE THE
8 NUMBERS RISE. I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S GOT TO BE HANDLED
9 IMMEDIATELY. WE'VE BEEN AT THIS MORE THAN TWO YEARS. AND WE
10 STILL HAVE THE VACANCIES THAT WE'VE HAD PRETTY MUCH ALL ALONG.
11 I'D LIKE TO SEE DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT ON THE PART OF OUR
12 DEPARTMENT'S ADMINISTRATION. WITH REGARDS TO THE COMMENT ABOUT
13 OUR DEPARTMENT'S POLICY AND WHERE A PROBATION OFFICER WORKING
14 IN OUR ADULT FIELD OPERATIONS CAN ASK FOR A PARTNER TO GO OUT
15 WITH HIM TO MAKE HOME CALLS? IT'S NOT A MATTER OF ASKING. IT'S
16 OUR DEPARTMENT POLICY THAT THEY HAVE TO GO OUT WITH A PARTNER.
17 WHEN YOU HAVE VACANCIES IN THIS MAGNITUDE, IT'S HARD TO GET A
18 PARTNER TO GO OUT. YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE AVAILABLE.
19 THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
22 SIR? YOUR NAME.

23

24 **AAZIM MUHAMMAD:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS AAZIM MUHAMMAD.
25 GOOD MORNING TO CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND ALL THE OTHER



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1 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO
2 THANK EVERYBODY, INCLUDING THE PROBATION AND SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH FOR BASICALLY GIVING US NOTHING.
4 YOU KNOW, WE SPENT THE LAST HALF AN HOUR, 45 MINUTES LISTENING
5 TO A REPORT FROM A DEPARTMENT THAT SPENDS HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS
6 OF DOLLARS IMPLEMENTING A.B.109 AND IS REQUESTING ANOTHER 1.7
7 BILLION DOLLARS TO EXPAND PRISONS. AND THIS IS WHAT WE GET? I
8 MEAN, WE, YOU KNOW, SOMEONE SAID A LOT HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED
9 AND THE RIGHT QUESTIONS HAVEN'T BEEN ASKED. I AGREE 100
10 PERCENT. AND I THINK IT'S THE JOB OF OUR SUPERVISORS TO ASK
11 THOSE RIGHT QUESTIONS. AGAIN, HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
12 BEING SPENT TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT
13 IMPACT IT'S HAVING ON ANYBODY AT ALL. STEVE LOPEZ, WHO IS THE
14 WRITER FOR THE L.A. TIMES, DID A RECENT ARTICLE ON THE WHOLE
15 ISSUE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE WAY WE TREAT OUR MENTAL HEALTH,
16 AND PEOPLE WITH MENTAL DISORDERS. AND I MUST SAY THAT IT'S A
17 SAD, SAD DAY WHEN WE BUILD JAILS TO PUT MENTAL PATIENTS IN,
18 AND WE FORGET HOW TO HUMANELY AND MORALLY TREAT PEOPLE WHO
19 NEED HELP. IT REALLY SADDENS ME. AND YOU SIT HERE AND PLAN TO
20 EXPAND A PRISON AND ADD 1,000 MORE BEDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH
21 PATIENTS. IT REALLY SADDENS ME. IF YOU HAVEN'T READ STEVE
22 LOPEZ'S ARTICLE, I SUGGEST THAT YOU DO. I REALLY DO WANT TO
23 ASK WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FOUR MILLION DOLLARS BALANCE FROM
24 LAST YEAR'S EXPENDITURES AND THE TWO MILLION FROM THE YEAR
25 PRIOR, FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY-BASED



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1 SOLUTIONS AND SUPPORT SERVICES. WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THAT
2 MONEY IS. SOMEBODY ASK REAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR, FOR YOUR
5 TESTIMONY.

6

7 **MELLO DESIRE:** GOOD MORNING.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM?

10

11 **MELLO DESIRE:** MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE AND AS A FILMMAKER FOR
12 INNERCITY YOUTH, I DO THANK DR. JERRY POWERS FOR HIS
13 PRESENTATION. ONE OF THE POINTS HE MADE WAS 57 PERCENT OF THE
14 OFFENDERS DID NOT COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL. WHAT I AM PRESENTING
15 IS A PREVENTATIVE MEASURE. AGAIN, PERFORMING ARTS IS SOMETHING
16 THAT IS TAKEN LIGHTLY BUT, YET, IT IS A FORM OF THERAPY THAT
17 LOS ANGELES, BEING THE ENTERTAINMENT CAPITAL OF THE WORLD, WE
18 SHOULD GIVE OTHER ALTERNATIVES THAN WHAT WE ARE DOING. WE'RE
19 SNATCHING THESE YOUNG MEN IN SOUTH CENTRAL, EAST L.A., BOYLE
20 HEIGHTS, MACARTHUR PARK, INGLEWOOD, AND WATTS, AND NOT GIVING
21 THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCEL IN ANYTHING. AND YET THEY ARE
22 FRUSTRATED WITH NOTHING TO DO IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. SO THEY
23 START AS JUVENILE DELINQUENTS FORMING GANGS, STARTING ON THE
24 ROAD OF DESTRUCTION. YET OUR ANSWER FOR THEM IS THAT MORE
25 FUNDING FOR LOCKING YOU UP IN CAGES. SO YOU LOCK THEM UP 24



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1 HOURS A DAY WITHOUT THE PROPER REHABILITATION AND NOW THAT YOU
2 GUYS DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ROOM, YOU WILL RELEASE THEM BACK INTO
3 OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. AND YET THEY ARE GOING TO BE MORE FRUSTRATED
4 AND WITH A FELONY RECORD CANNOT GET A PROPER JOB. SO IT
5 DOESN'T TAKE A GENIUS TO REALIZE YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING
6 DIFFERENT. SO FOR GLORIA MOLINA WHO IS NOT HERE TODAY, TO DENY
7 FUNDING FOR AT LEAST 10 GRAND OF A REHABILITATION ALTERNATIVE
8 IS REALLY DISGUSTING. THERE IS NOT ONE AFRICAN-AMERICAN ON HER
9 TEAM. BETWEEN HER AND JOSE HUIZAR, I LIVE IN A DISTRICT WHERE
10 THERE IS NOT ONE PERSON TO REPRESENT A 47 PERCENT POPULATION.
11 SO I ASK YOU THAT YOU LOOK INTO OTHER ALTERNATIVES, SMALLER
12 COMPANIES, SMALLER ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE KINGDOM
13 WARRIORS, THAT WE'RE OFFERING ALTERNATIVES TO REHABILITATE
14 MANY OF THESE OFFENDERS INTO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. SOMETIMES
15 THEY JUST NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO OR A HUG. LITERALLY LITTLE
16 THINGS LIKE THAT IS NOT IMPLEMENTED. JUST PUTTING THE GUN AND
17 LOCKING THEM UP. AND THAT'S NOT THE ANSWER.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]
20 NOW, MISS DESIRE, I WANT YOU TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH MS.
21 HARRIS OVER THERE IN JUST A MOMENT. AND I WANT TO FOLLOW-UP
22 WITH YOU ON SOME OF YOUR CONCERNS. WE'VE HAD YOU TALK TO MR.
23 JOHNSON ONCE, MISS HARRIS NOW. THANK YOU. MR. WALSH, THE FLOOR
24 IS YOURS.

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1 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. I
2 THINK WE HAVE TO START FIRST THINGS FIRST ABOUT WHEN --
3 CONCERNING PROBATION OR JWALSH CONFIDENTIAL. THAT IS WHAT THE
4 WHITE MEDIA WILL NOT TELL YOU. BUT IT'S ON THE INTERNET. THE
5 ASTOUNDING DROP IN BLACK YOUTH CRIME IN THE PAST 10 YEARS. AN
6 ASTOUNDING DROP. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 70 TO 80 PERCENT IN THIS
7 CITY. YOU DON'T HEAR THAT BECAUSE ALL YOU HEAR IS THE TRAYVON
8 MARTIN PSYCHOTICS, THOSE PEOPLE WHO ATTACK TRAYVON MARTIN
9 PSYCHOTICS. I THINK ONE THING HERE, AND YOU HAVE TO ADMIT IT,
10 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT YOU ARE DEALING WITH NOW IN THE
11 PRISON SYSTEM, IN THE YOUTH SYSTEM, AND THOSE THAT YOU ARE
12 BRINGING ONTO THE STREET NOW ARE VERY, VERY MUCH SMALLER THAN
13 THEY HAVE EVER BEEN. WE'RE BACK IN THE 1940S WHEN THERE WERE
14 HARDLY ANY BLACK PEOPLE HERE WHEN IT COMES TO BLACKS IN
15 PRISON. AND I THINK THE REASON YOU DON'T HEAR THIS IS BECAUSE
16 ANOTHER MINORITY GROUP IS TAKING OVER. ANOTHER MINORITY GROUP
17 IS TAKING OVER. AND THEY WANT TO PUT ALL THE BLAME ON AFRICAN-
18 AMERICANS. AND, REMEMBER, PEOPLE SAY HOW DO YOU TALK THIS WAY?
19 REMEMBER, IN A PREVIOUS LIFE, I WAS AFRICAN-AMERICAN. AND THIS
20 LIFETIME IS AS A WHITE MAN IS A DEMOTION.
21 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO BE HEARD
24 AT THIS POINT IN TIME? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE SEE NO OTHER
25 CARDS BEFORE US. WE WISH TO ASK THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER IF



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1 HE WOULD RETURN TO THE CENTER DESK FOR JUST A COUPLE OF
2 QUESTIONS. AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO OUR NEXT ITEM.
3 ALONG THE LINES OF THE EARLIER INQUIRY I MADE ABOUT TREATMENT
4 FACILITIES AND THE LIKE, ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT YOU
5 CAREFULLY CALLED TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION IS THAT A
6 DISTINCTION NEEDED TO BE MADE ON THE COMPLIANCE CHECKS, THOSE
7 FACILITIES THAT ARE OPEN SPACE, NAMELY PARKS, OVER AGAINST
8 THOSE SUPERVISED SETTINGS OR ENVIRONMENTS. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT
9 DISTINCTION I SUSPECT LAW ENFORCEMENT WOULD NEED TO UNDERSTAND
10 AND APPRECIATE. WHAT I DID NOT RAISE AT THE TIME, AND IT WAS
11 MY INTENTION TO DO SO, IS -- AND I THINK THE BOARD WILL
12 BENEFIT FROM YOUR FEEDBACK ON TRAINING. YOU TALKED ABOUT
13 ISSUING A TEMPLATE OF SORTS. AND IT WOULD STRIKE ME AS BEING
14 IMPORTANT THAT THAT HAPPEN. BUT IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN, MR.
15 FUJIOKA, DO NOT LEAVE, PLEASE. STAY WITH US. THE NOTION IS:
16 HOW DO WE MOVE BEYOND THE ISSUANCE OF A TEMPLATE TO GET TO THE
17 QUESTION OF BEST PRACTICES IN A REAL WAY? AND MY QUESTION IS
18 BROADER THAN THAT OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ITSELF IN TERMS
19 OF PROBATION EMPLOYEES BEING TRAINED AND EQUIPPED. IT'S
20 INCLUSIVE OF THAT. BUT IT'S BROADER THAN THAT. BECAUSE I THINK
21 THE BOARD WOULD BE BEST INFORMED IF IN FACT WE KNEW HOW MANY
22 OF OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES ARE ACTUALLY DOING THE
23 COMPLIANCE CHECKS OVER AGAINST THOSE THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND VARIOUS OTHER POLICE AGENCIES
25 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT THERE'S A UNIFYING



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1 THEME OR A COMMON THEME HERE, AND THAT IS: TRAINING, TRAINING,
2 TRAINING. THAT WHICH IS COMMUNICATED BY MEMBERS OF THE
3 PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS A SPECIFIC SET OF TRAINING ISSUES
4 THAT ATTACH TO IT. PRIOR TO THAT, IN YOUR REMARKS SEEM TO CRY
5 OUT FOR A NEED FOR THOSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. AND
6 REMEMBER NOW, I SAID EARLY ON THAT WHEN SPEAKING WITH THE
7 CHIEF OF POLICE OF LOS ANGELES, HE INDICATED THAT, LOOK, WE
8 NEED A LOT OF HELP IN KNOWING WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO DO IT,
9 RIGHT? BUT I HAVEN'T HEARD MUCH YET ON THE TRAINING OF THOSE
10 AGENCIES AND WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DOING THAT TRAINING.
11 NOW, MR. FUJIOKA, THERE WAS A CONVERSATION WHICH THIS WAS
12 SURFACED THAT YOU INDICATED THAT THERE WAS MATTERS THAT COME
13 TO YOUR ATTENTION. I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE BOARD TO
14 BE APPRISED OF THAT. AND MY ULTIMATE AIM IS TO HAVE BOTH THE
15 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER; THAT IS THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION,
16 AND THE C.E.O. DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO COME BACK WITH SOME
17 RESPONSE TO HOW WE ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. BOTH MR. FUJIOKA AND
18 MR. POWERS, PLEASE.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHAT I HAD MENTIONED IS THERE HAD BEEN SOME
21 ISSUES RAISED WITH RESPECT TO THE TRAINING PROCESS, AND IT IS
22 OUR INTENT TO SIT -- NOT SIT, BUT TO WORK WITH OUR CHIEF
23 PROBATION OFFICER TO GATHER INFORMATION TO BRING BACK TO THE
24 BOARD THAT WOULD FULLY DESCRIBE THE TRAINING PROGRAM AND WHAT
25 IT INVOLVES.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. POWERS?

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4 **JERRY POWERS:** SUPERVISOR, ARE WE TALKING ABOUT TRAINING OF
5 PROBATION STAFF OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENICES?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT
8 BOTH, DON'T YOU?

9

10 **JERRY POWERS:** OKAY.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MIGHT SAY WE CAN'T DO OTHER
13 AGENCIES. AND IF YOU SAY THAT, THEN MY QUESTION TO YOU IS: ALL
14 RIGHT. MY COMMENT TO YOU IS, OKAY, PROBATION MADE A BIG PUSH
15 TO BE ON THE FRONTLINE IN TERMS OF A.B.109. WE HAD A HUGE
16 DISCUSSION HERE ON THAT FRONT. SO IF COMPLIANCE CHECKS IS SUCH
17 A HUGE ISSUE -- AND WE AGREE THAT IT IS -- IF IT'S NOT BEING
18 DONE SATISFACTORILY, AND I DID UNDERScore IF, AND WE HAVE SOME
19 CONCERNS IN THAT CONNECTION, WHO'S SUPPOSED TO BE RESPONSIBLE
20 FOR MAKING SURE THAT IT'S DONE CORRECTLY? EVEN IF OBVIOUSLY
21 THOSE OTHER POLICE AGENCIES ARE NOT UNDER YOUR DIRECTION
22 SUPERVISION OR JURISDICTION. SO THIS IS THE KIND OF OPEN-ENDED
23 DISCUSSION TO GIVE YOU ANOTHER SHOT AT ANSWERING THE QUESTION
24 OF HOW DO WE FILL THE GAP? AND WHAT GAPS ARE THERE THAT YOU
25 THINK NEED TO BE FILLED?



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2 **JERRY POWERS:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, YOUR BOARD FUNDED THE
3 PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY SUPERVISION.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

6

7 **JERRY POWERS:** OF WHICH COMPLIANCE CHECKS, FIELD CONTEXT, ALL
8 OF THAT IS PART OF IT. WHEN I FIRST GOT HERE A YEAR AND A HALF
9 PLUS AGO, ONE OF THE FIRST QUESTIONS I ASKED, A.B.109 STARTED
10 IN OCTOBER 2011, I GOT HERE DECEMBER OF 2011. ONE OF THE FIRST
11 QUESTIONS I ASKED IS "WHAT'S OUR PLAN FOR COMPLIANCE CHECKS
12 AND FOR FIELD CONTACTS?" IN MY PRIOR AGENCY, I EMPHASIZED
13 FIELD ACTIVITY. WE HAVE TO ENGAGE WITH OFFENDERS IN THEIR
14 COMMUNITIES IF WE'RE GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL. FROM A RE-ENTRY
15 PERSPECTIVE, WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THEY ENGAGE IN TREATMENT.
16 WE CAN'T ENGAGE THE WAY WE NEED TO FROM BEHIND OUR DESK OR
17 THROUGH THE TELEPHONE LINE. THE RESPONSE THAT I WAS GIVEN WAS:
18 WE HAD THIS PUBLIC PROCESS IN WHICH PROBATION WAS DESIGNATED
19 AS THE LEAD ENTITY. PROBATION WAS FUNDED TO BE THE COMMUNITY
20 SUPERVISION ENTITY. BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY VEHICLES. WE CAN'T
21 DO FIELD BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE VEHICLES. SO WE ORDERED 100
22 VEHICLES. WE PUT CAGES IN THEM SO THAT IF WE HAVE TO
23 TRANSPORT, WE CAN TRANSPORT. THE NEXT QUESTION I ASKED IS:
24 OKAY, WE'VE GOT THE VEHICLES. LET'S START DOING THESE FIELD
25 ACTIVITIES. LET'S GO OUT. LET'S SEE THESE OFFENDERS IN THE



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1 COMMUNITY. LET'S ENGAGE WITH THEM. WE DON'T HAVE THE SAFETY
2 EQUIPMENT. LET'S GET THE SAFETY EQUIPMENT. WE ORDERED SAFETY
3 EQUIPMENT. SO THE THIRD TIME I ASKED: WE DON'T HAVE THE
4 TRAINING. WELL, LET'S GET THE TRAINING. YOU ALL GET THE SAME
5 KIND OF TRAINING WHEN YOU BECOME A PROBATION OFFICER, OF WHICH
6 FIELD SUPERVISION IS A CORE COMPONENT OF BEING A DEPUTY
7 PROBATION OFFICER. YOU'RE A PEACE OFFICER. YOU DON'T GET A
8 PEACE OFFICER STATUS TO SIT BEHIND A DESK. SO LET'S ENGAGE IN
9 THE COMMUNITY. LET'S GET THE TRAINING. DO WHAT WE'VE GOT TO
10 DO. GET THE TRAINING. SO WE'VE GOTTEN THE TRAINING. WE'VE
11 STARTED TO TRAIN OUR STAFF. THIS IS HOW YOU CONDUCT A SAFE
12 HOME VISIT. AS THIS BOARD'S AWARE, WE ARE INCREASING THE
13 NUMBER OF ARMED STAFF WE HAVE SO THAT WE CAN DO COMPLIANCE
14 CHECKS. TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S CREDIT AND OTHER LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES' CREDIT, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BEGAN
16 TO DO SOME COMPLIANCE CHECKS, AND, FRANKLY, WE'RE TOLD THEY
17 WEREN'T FUNDED FOR COMPLIANCE CHECKS. THEY WERE FUNDED FOR
18 ABSCONDER ACTIVITIES. L.A.P.D., IF YOU SEE THE ARTICLE THAT
19 CAME OUT TODAY, THEY DEDICATED 150 OF THEIR PERSONNEL TO
20 ASSIST WITH COMPLIANCE CHECKS IN THEIR CITY. PROBATION IS THE
21 PRIMARY ENTITY RESPONSIBLE. WE WERE FUNDED FOR IT. WE'RE GOING
22 TO DO IT. WE NEED TO DO IT. IT'S PART OF BEING A SUCCESSFUL
23 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AGENCY. IF WE SIMPLY SIT AND ANSWER
24 PHONE CALLS AND FILE PAPER, YOU DON'T NEED PEACE OFFICERS FOR
25 THAT, SUPERVISOR. WE NEED TO GET OUT. WE NEED TO ENGAGE. WE



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1 WILL HAVE A BETTER SUCCESS RATE WITH OUR OFFENDERS. THEY WILL
2 GET INTO MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. THEY WILL GET INTO SUBSTANCE
3 ABUSE TREATMENT AND THEY WILL STICK BECAUSE THEY KNOW WE'RE
4 GOING TO COME OUT AND WE'RE GOING TO SEE THEM. I CERTAINLY AM
5 VERY IMPRESSED WITH AT L.A.P.D.. I'M VERY IMPRESSED AT THE
6 OTHER AGENCIES' WILLINGNESS TO DO COMPLIANCE CHECKS TO
7 SUPPLEMENT PROBATION'S ACTIVITIES. I THINK IT'S A GREAT
8 ACTIVITY FROM A PUBLIC SAFETY STANDPOINT. THEY DON'T. THEY
9 WEREN'T FUNDED FOR THAT. AND THAT HAS BEEN THE BONE OF
10 CONTENTION FROM CHIEF BECK AND FROM THIS CITY (INAUDIBLE)
11 WHICH IS COMMUNITY SUPERVISION. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL
12 TRAINING GAPS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED, WE'LL ADDRESS IT. I
13 AM COMFORTABLE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING TRAINING THAT'S
14 APPROPRIATE FOR THESE STAFF. IF THEY NEED ADDITIONAL
15 RESOURCES, I'LL DO WHATEVER I CAN. IT'S NOT MY INTENT, AS THE
16 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, TO PUT MY OFFICERS IN HARM'S WAY ANY
17 MORE THAN IS NECESSARY TO DO THEIR JOB. THEIR JOB IS
18 INHERENTLY DANGEROUS. WE SAW THAT IN JUNE WITH THE L.A.P.D.
19 INCIDENT. WE HAVE OFFICERS WHO GET HURT EVERY SINGLE WEEK.
20 THEY GET HURT IN OUR FACILITIES. THEY GET HURT IN OUR
21 COMMUNITIES. THAT IS PART OF THE JOB. THAT IS PART OF WHAT WE
22 SIGN TO UP DO AS PROBATION OFFICERS. SO MANAGING THAT RISK IS
23 MY JOB AS A CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER. I'M A RISK MANAGER. FROM
24 AN OFFENDER PERSPECTIVE AND FROM AN EMPLOYEE PERSPECTIVE.
25 WE'LL GIVE THEM THE TRAINING THAT WE CAN POSSIBLY GIVE, AS



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1 MUCH AS WE CAN POSSIBLY GIVE. I'M REQUIRED BY STATE MANDATE TO
2 PROVIDE EVERY PROBATION OFFICER 40 HOURS OF TRAINING EVERY
3 SINGLE YEAR. AND WE DO THAT. WE MEET THAT OBLIGATION. WE WILL
4 PROVIDE MORE IF NECESSARY.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO THE QUESTION IS:
7 RELATED TO WHAT THE COMPLIANCE CHECKS, THE DISPROPORTIONATE
8 SHARE OF THAT, LARGEST AMOUNT OF THAT IS TO BE DONE BY THE
9 PROBATION DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICALLY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES THAT
10 MOVE THROUGHOUT THE FIELD TO DO THAT RATHER THAN ANY OTHER
11 ENTITY, SHERIFF OR POLICE ENTITIES THE BALANCE OF THE CITIES
12 IN THE COUNTY, CORRECT?

13

14 **JERRY POWERS:** NO OTHER ENTITY RECEIVED FUNDING FOR THAT.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO THE QUESTION IS: WHO'S DOING
17 IT, REALLY? IRRESPECTIVE OF YOUR ASSERTION THAT THEY DIDN'T
18 RECEIVE FUNDING FOR THAT, YOU JUST INDICATED THAT L.A.P.D.
19 CLAIMS THAT THEY HAVE ASSIGNED 150 PERSONS TO DO IT. MY
20 QUESTION IS: IF THEY HAVEN'T RECEIVED FUNDING, HOW ARE THEY
21 DOING IT, ONE? AND, TWO, HOW SUCCESSFUL ARE THEY BEING IN
22 TERMS OF THE QUALITY OF TRAINING THEY HAVE? BECAUSE IT
23 OBVIOUSLY COMES BACK TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT WHO IS THE
24 DESIGNATED ENTITY WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE LEAD? AND, THREE, WHAT
25 PROPORTION OF THE LOAD IS BEING BORNE BY ENTITIES OTHER THAN



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1 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT? YOU CAN'T TELL OTHERS ARE NOT FUNDED
2 AND THEN AT THE SAME TIME TELL ME 150 L.A.P.D. PERSONS. SO HOW
3 MANY DO THE OTHER CITIES POTENTIALLY HAVE? OBVIOUSLY YOU DON'T
4 KNOW THAT OFF THE TOP. BUT I'M TRYING TO GET A HANDLE ON IF
5 THERE ARE PROBLEMS. I'M SPEAKING AT TWO LEVELS, MR. POWERS,
6 WHEN I AM TRYING TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF TRAINING.
7 OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A SPECIFIC SET OF CONCERNS WITHIN THE
8 DEPARTMENT ITSELF TO WHICH YOU MUST DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION. BUT
9 THERE'S OTHER TRAINING ISSUES WITH THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS WHO,
10 IN FACT, AFFECT THE QUALITY OF THE PROGRAM OVERALL. SO I'M
11 TRYING TO REALLY CAUSE THE BOARD TO HAVE A FULLER APPRECIATION
12 FOR WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE IN MATERIALS OF THE AMOUNT OF WORK
13 AND IF WE ARE REALLY GETTING TO THE LEVEL OF TRAINING THAT IS
14 REQUIRED.

15

16 **JERRY POWERS:** WELL, WE COLOCATED PROBATION OFFICERS WITH LOS
17 ANGELES P.D., WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND REGIONALLY
18 WITH THE OTHER INDEPENDENT CITIES.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

21

22 **JERRY POWERS:** SO ONE OF THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THOSE
23 PROBATION OFFICERS IS TO COORDINATE WITH THOSE LAW ENFORCEMENT
24 AGENCIES COMPLIANCE CHECKS AND OPERATIONALLY. AS FAR AS US
25 TRAINING POLICE AGENCIES ON HOW TO DO A COMPLIANCE CHECK,



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1 THAT'S PROBABLY PRACTICALLY NOT POSSIBLE. WHAT WE DO DO IS
2 SAY, HEY, DO YOU NEED SIX CARS TO GO TO A TREATMENT FACILITY?
3 HERE'S HOW WE DO IT. HERE'S HOW WE WOULD CONDUCT THIS
4 COMPLIANCE CHECK. AND THEY CERTAINLY GET THE FEEDBACK. THEY'VE
5 BEEN RESPONSIVE. SO I DON'T KNOW THAT I CALL IT TRAINING. BUT,
6 YOU KNOW, THEY'RE SMART PEOPLE. THEY CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT WILL
7 WORK AND WHAT GETS THEM IN AND GETS THEM OUT.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

10

11 **JERRY POWERS:** BUT I WOULD SAY THEIR PHILOSOPHY IS AN
12 ENFORCEMENT PHILOSOPHY, MUCH DIFFERENT THAN A PROBATION
13 OFFICER'S.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

16

17 **JERRY POWERS:** WE CERTAINLY HAVE THE ABILITY TO ENFORCE WHEN
18 AND IF NECESSARY, BUT OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE -- THAT'S WHY I
19 BECAME A PROBATION OFFICER -- IS TO HELP PEOPLE CHANGE, TO
20 ENGAGE THEM IN THE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL REDUCE RECIDIVISM,
21 THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO BE PRODUCTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. THOSE
22 THAT ARE WILLING TO DO THAT, WE NEED TO HELP THEM. THOSE THAT
23 AREN'T, THAT'S WHERE OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS COME IN.
24 THAT'S WHERE WE HAVE A ROLE IN SAYING WE NEED TO INCAPACITATE
25 THIS PERSON. AT LEAST UNTIL THEY GET ENOUGH MOTIVATION TO



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1 ENGAGE IN APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR. WE NEED TO RETURN THEM TO
2 CUSTODY AND THAT'S WHERE THE GREATEST BENEFIT WITH OUR LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS IN, ASSISTING US WITH THAT.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'M HOPEFUL IN YOUR NEXT REPORT
6 APPROXIMATELY A MONTH FROM NOW, WE'LL HAVE A MUCH FULLER DRILL
7 DOWN IN TERMS OF THIS SPECIFIC AREA OR LINE OF INQUIRY. AND
8 COUNT ON US TO PROVIDE YOU SOME QUESTIONS PRELIMINARILY SO YOU
9 CAN DIRECT YOURSELF SPECIFICALLY TO THAT FOR THE BOARD'S FULL
10 EDIFICATION. AND WE'LL BE INTERESTED IN THE UPSHOT OF THE
11 CONVERSATION WITH YOUR OFFICE AND THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON THIS VERY SUBJECT.

13

14 **JERRY POWERS:** AND LASTLY, SUPERVISOR, I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE
15 YOUR COMMENTS. PROBATION HAS BEEN DOING FIELD CONTACTS FOR
16 DECADES. THIS IS NOT A NEW -- THIS IS A NEW POPULATION WE'RE
17 DOING IT WITH. BUT WE'VE BEEN DOING WITH IT JUVENILES. WE HAVE
18 BEEN DOING IT WITH DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE OFFENDERS, SEX OFFENDERS.
19 SO THIS IS NOT A NEW ACTIVITY. IT CERTAINLY IS A NEW
20 POPULATION WE'RE CONDUCTING THIS ACTIVITY ON.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. I THINK THERE IS
23 APPROPRIATE CONCERN, THOUGH, CHIEF POWERS, AT THE POINT OF
24 BEING CONFRONTED WITH THIS PARTICULAR CHALLENGE OF THIS MANY
25 PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED THAT THEN BECOMES AN EXTENDED



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1 OR EXPANDED WORKLOAD FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATIONS AS WELL
2 AS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ET CETERA. AND THAT'S NOT AN
3 ABSTRACT CONSIDERATION. IT DOES LEAD SPECIFICALLY TO THE
4 QUALITY OF LIFE MORE SPECIFICALLY THE QUESTION OF PUBLIC
5 SAFETY. SO UNDERNEATH THIS IS REALLY ARE WE DOING ALL THAT WE
6 NEED TO DO TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE
7 COUNTY ENJOY THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF LIFE POSSIBLE IN TERMS OF
8 SAFETY? AND WE HAD ENOUGH FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCES FROM VARIOUS
9 PARTS OF THE COUNTY THAT RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS. SO THE
10 QUESTION ABOUT TRAINING THOSE TO THAT PART, BUT IT'S LARGER
11 THAN THAT IN TERMS OF THE ISSUE OF THE MATTER OF THE
12 COMPLIANCE CHECKS. AND WE'VE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT WHAT SOME OF
13 THE PROBLEMS ARE THAT ARE EMBEDDED IN THERE. BUT I WOULD THINK
14 THAT THE OTHER CHIEFS OF POLICE WOULD HAVE SOME INTEREST IN A
15 MORE UNIFORMED SENSE OF HOW WE ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS OF A.B.109
16 WITHOUT GIVING PROBATION THE AUTHORITY TO RUN THEIR
17 DEPARTMENT. SO SOMETHING JUST SHORT OF AN M.O.U. OF SOME SORT
18 OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO BE CRAFTED THAT COMES UNDER THE BANNER OF
19 BEST PRACTICES MODEL. IT'S THIS TEMPLATE THAT YOU'RE TALKING
20 ABOUT HAS TEAMS OF PEOPLE, PROBATION, SHERIFFS, WHOEVER ELSE
21 FROM THE OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS THAT DO THIS WORK THAT MAKE
22 SURE THAT THE BUSINESS OF TRAINING IS, IN FACT, FASTENED DOWN
23 IN A WAY THAT WE CAN DEFEND. I DON'T THINK WE ARE THERE YET,
24 AND I WANT TO ENCOURAGE THAT. I APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENTATION
25 AND YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE S.B.57, THAT WAS PASSED OUT, THIS HAS
7 PASSED THE SENATE UNANIMOUSLY ON A 39-0 VOTE. IT IS NOW IN THE
8 ASSEMBLY. WHAT THIS HAD DONE WAS TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR
9 THOSE WHO -- SEX OFFENDERS WHO DISENGAGE THEIR ELECTRONIC
10 ANKLET. THE COST RELATED TO UNFUNDED MANDATES WAS IN THE
11 SUGGESTION WHEN WE HAD THE DISCUSSION FROM THE C.E.O. RELATIVE
12 TO UNFUNDED MANDATES, WE WERE GETTING 77 DOLLARS OF IT OF
13 APPROXIMATELY 117, THAT WE BE FULLY REIMBURSED FOR THAT AND
14 ANY FUTURE RELEASES THAT MAY BE CONTINGENT UPON THE COURT
15 DECISION ARE FULLY REIMBURSED. SO THERE ARE TWO PROPOSALS.
16 THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
19 ANTONOVICH. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US AS RECOMMENDED BY SUPERVISOR
20 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. WE TAKE NOTE OF THE
21 FACT THAT THIS IS A D.A.-SPONSORED BILL THAT IS S.B.57. AND
22 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE
23 ITEM AS PRESENTED. AND THEN THE ADDITIONAL ITEMS IN TERMS OF
24 INSTRUCTIONS, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL MAKE SURE THAT WE
25 HAVE MADE SURE THAT THE RESPECTIVE OFFICES THAT NEED TO COME



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1 BACK WITH FEEDBACK TO THE BOARD ARE SO NOTIFIED, THEREFORE WE
2 CAN MAKE SURE THAT OUR PRESENTATIONS ADDRESS THAT QUITE
3 DIRECTLY AND SPECIFICALLY. ALL RIGHT? THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.
4 WE RECEIVE AND FILE THAT REPORT AND WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT
5 ITEM, WHICH IS S-3 IS BEFORE US. S-3 PERTAINS TO THE MATTER OF
6 THE CAPITAL ASSETS, THE PRESENTATION. THERE ARE THREE PERSONS
7 WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON THAT ITEM. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU
8 HAD SOME QUESTION OR CONCERNS THERE ON S-3 CAPITAL PROJECTS.
9 ANY OTHER MEMBERS?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY SUPERB DEPUTY SUGGESTED A ONE-WEEK
12 CONTINUANCE.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE REQUESTING A ONE-WEEK
15 CONTINUANCE? IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** NO OBJECTION. OBVIOUSLY MY CONCERN IS THE
18 PRIORITIES. THIS SEEMS TO BE COMING PIECEMEAL. AND I THINK WE
19 NEED TO GET A HANDLE ON PRIORITIES. BECAUSE THAT OBVIOUSLY IS
20 NOT GOING TO BE ENOUGH MONEY IN THERE FOR EVERYTHING.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO
23 THE CONTINUANCE. WE'LL JUST TAKE THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD
24 BEFORE THE BOARD. LET ME JUST SIMPLY ASK THE THREE PEOPLE
25 HERE, DR. CLAVREUL, MR. SACHS, MS. DESIRE, IN LIGHT OF THIS



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1 MATTER BEING CONTINUED, IF YOU WOULD ELECT TO WAIVE, OR IF YOU
2 WISH TO BE HEARD AT THIS POINT IN TIME? WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE?
3 WAIVE OR COME FORWARD? ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, DR. CLAVREUL, IS
4 SHE STILL HERE? SHE'S NOT HERE. MS. MELODY DESIRE? ARE YOU
5 STILL HERE? YOU WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IT'S GOING TO
6 BE CONTINUED UNTIL NEXT WEEK. BUT YOU STILL MAY BE HEARD IF
7 YOU DESIRE. COME ON. I'M SORRY. THOSE ARE THE TWO PERSONS THAT
8 WISH TO BE HEARD. THIS IS ON ITEM S-3.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
11 AGAIN, IN PART OF YOUR CONVERSATION TODAY WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT
12 THE CONTINGENCY AT M.L.K. HOSPITAL AND A DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT.
13 AND YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS AND THIS IS
14 DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT. BACK IN NOVEMBER 27, 2012 AT YOUR BOARD
15 MEETING REGARDING SOME OF THE CONSTRUCTION, SUPERVISOR MOLINA
16 MADE REFERENCE TO THE 22 BILLION DOLLAR UNFUNDED HEALTHCARE
17 MANDATE, PART OF A DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT. I WOULD LOOK AT
18 WHAT'S GOING ON WITH METRO. THAT WAS BROUGHT UP. DEBT SERVICE
19 MANAGEMENT. DEBT SERVICE FOR METRO AS OF MARCH 20, 2013, THEY
20 HAVE 3.48 BILLION DOLLARS IN OUTSTANDING DEBT. WHAT'S THE DEBT
21 SERVICE PAYMENT ON THAT? IT'S AMAZING. IN A SOMEWHAT WEIRD
22 SITUATION, LET'S LOOK AT A LITTLE BIT OF REVENUE HERE. BECAUSE
23 THAT'S ALSO IMPORTANT. BECAUSE HOW YOU HANDLE YOUR DEBT
24 SERVICE SPEAKS VOLUMES ON HOW YOU HANDLE YOUR REVENUE. SO LET
25 ME JUST SAY FROM THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, THESE ARE



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1 ALL FROM METRO. THIS IS FROM JUNE 19, 2013, THE BUDGET WAS FOR
2 472 MILLION DOLLARS FOR PROP A, PROP C AND MEASURE R. AND THE
3 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT, WHICH IS A QUARTER CENT SALES
4 TAX IS 236 MILLION. THE ACTUALS, 511, 511 AND FOR THE
5 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT IS 257. WELL 257 TIMES 2 IS 514. SO
6 YOU ARE MISSING THREE MILLION DOLLARS. THREE MILLION DOLLARS
7 FOR EACH ONE OF THE HALF-CENT SALES TAX, THAT'S NINE MILLION
8 DOLLARS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IN 2017 IT WAS A DIFFERENCE OF 19 MILLION
13 DOLLARS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED, THANK YOU.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SO IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE REVENUE HOW WILL YOU
18 HANDLE DEBT SERVICE?

19

20 **MELLO DESIRE:** MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE. WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR
21 EIGHT MILLION, THREE MILLION OR NOT EVEN 1.5. WE'RE JUST
22 ASKING FOR STARTUP COSTS OF 25,000 TO EVEN HAVE AN OFFICE
23 SPACE FOR OUR ORGANIZATION. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, BEING IN THE
24 FIRST DISTRICT, I'M VERY SADDENED TO BE SUPERVISED BY MOLINA
25 AND HAVING ALSO HUIZAR AS MY COUNCILMAN. AGAIN I SAY IT IS 47



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1 PERCENT AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THIS DISTRICT, YET THERE'S NOT
2 ONE AFRICAN-AMERICAN WORKING IN HER OFFICE OR HUIZAR'S OFFICE.
3 AND THE HISPANICS THAT WORK IN THERE, THEY DYE THEIR HAIR
4 BLOND SO THEY LOOK AS CAUCASIAN AS POSSIBLE. AND THIS IS
5 SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE NO ONE TO TURN TO, WHICH IS SO EASY IT
6 IS FOR HER TO TURN DOWN FUNDING FOR AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS SO
7 NECESSARY FOR HOMICIDES IN SOUTHEAST L.A. ESPECIALLY, TWO
8 HOMICIDES A DAY. AND WE WANT TO CHANGE THAT. AND OVERALL ON
9 RECORD I AM NO LONGER GOING TO PRESENT ANYTHING TO MOLINA
10 BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IT'LL BE REJECTED OR NOT EVEN LOOKED FOR
11 SERIOUSLY. SO I DO THANK YOU, MR. THOMAS, FOR AT LEAST TAKING
12 FORTH AND FOLLOWING UP WITH THIS VERY NECESSARY PROGRAM. WE'RE
13 NOT LOOKING TO GET FUNDING TO MISUSE. WE'RE NOT LOOKING TO DO
14 SOMETHING WITH THE CITY'S MONEY THAT WE CAN'T HOLD ACCOUNTABLE
15 FOR. WE ARE IN A WAR ZONE, WHICH IS WHY THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
16 WE CANNOT LIGHTLY. AND ESPECIALLY WITH THE RELEASE OF THE
17 FELONY -- I WANT TO SAY CRIMINALS -- BUT RELEASE OF THESE
18 PRISONERS AT THE END OF THIS YEAR ARE GOING TO MAKE OUR
19 NEIGHBORHOODS EVEN WORSE. THEY'RE NOT COMING TO YOUR
20 NEIGHBORHOODS, MOLINA. THEY'RE COMING TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.
21 AND THESE ARE OUR NEPHEWS AND BROTHERS AND FATHERS WHO WERE
22 SNATCHED FROM L.A.P.D. OR SHERIFFS FOR LIGHT OFFENSES. I'M NOT
23 TALKING ABOUT THE HIGH RISK OFFENDERS LIKE SEX OFFENDERS AND
24 MURDERERS. I TALK ABOUT THE ONES WHO MAYBE SOLD WEED OR
25 SOMETHING LIKE THAT. AND THEY HAVE A SCAR FELONY FOR THE REST



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1 OF THEIR LIVES. THESE ARE NOT SOME THINGS THAT YOU WILL NOT
2 EXPERIENCE BUT WE EXPERIENCE EVERY DAY. AND THAT IS WHY I'M
3 TRYING TO PROPOSE A DIFFERENCE IN GETTING FUNDING IN JUST
4 MAKING COPIES. COPIES ALONE IS WHAT I ASK FROM CERTAIN AREAS
5 SO I CAN PRESENT IT TO SPONSORS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
8 ALL RIGHT. WE SHALL PROCEED WITH THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA.
9 THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION ON S-3, WHICH IS NOW
10 CONTINUED. LET'S MOVE TO THE NEXT ITEM.

11

12 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** WE HAVE ITEMS S-4 AND S-5.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE BOTH OF THOSE
15 ITEMS, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WISH TO BE HEARD ON A FEW
16 OTHER ITEMS. BUT LET'S GO TO S-4 AND THEN PROCEED TO S-5.
17 PRESENTATIONS ON S-4 AND S-5?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU. WE'RE
22 PREPARED TO PROCEED AS THE AGENDA CALLS. WE CAN PROCEED WITH
23 S-4 AND THEN PICK UP S-5 AS YOU WISH. I THINK WE CAN DISPOSE
24 OF THE ITEMS ACCORDINGLY.

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1 **TERRI MCDONALD:** MR. CHAIR, IF THERE IS NO OPPOSITION, WOULD
2 YOU MIND IF WE HAVE MR. DROOYAN GO FIRST, HE'S S-5, I CAN
3 FOLLOW-UP WITH S-4, BECAUSE THE RECOMMENDATIONS BLEND TOGETHER
4 WITH MERRICK BOBB. WOULD YOU MIND, SIR?

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THAT. MR.
7 DROOYAN? YOU HAVE BEEN EXTENDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD. DON'T
8 LET US DOWN, MR. DROOYAN.

9

10 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS MY EIGHTH REPORT
11 AS THE IMPLEMENTATION MONITOR ON THE REFORMS RECOMMENDED BY
12 THE ASSISTANT'S COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE. THE BULK OF THE
13 WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT AND MYSELF HAVE BEEN PROVIDING THE
14 DETAILED SUPPORT FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO
15 IMPLEMENT A NUMBER OF THE CRITICAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
16 CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE. THE CONSULTANT'S, THE
17 BOARD'S CONSULTANTS AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH
18 THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO ASSESS IF
19 DEPARTMENT'S NEEDS AND THE SUPPORT FOR THEIR REQUEST FOR
20 FUNDING. AS A RESULT, YOU WILL SEE THAT THERE ACTUALLY HAVEN'T
21 BEEN ANY CHANGES IN TERMS OF THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
22 OF THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS, ALTHOUGH SINCE I HAVE
23 FILED MY WRITTEN REPORT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ACTUALLY COMPLETED
24 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ADDITIONAL TWO RECOMMENDATIONS, AND
25 THAT WILL BE REFLECTED IN MY NEXT REPORT. BUT AS I INDICATED,



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1 THE BULK OF THE WORK THIS LAST PERIOD HAS BEEN IN PROVIDING
2 THE SUPPORT FOR FUNDING REQUESTS. THERE ARE -- LET ME JUST
3 GIVE A QUICK OVERVIEW. AT THIS POINT, THERE ARE FIVE REALLY
4 CRITICAL AREAS THAT HAVE FUNDING REQUESTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT.
5 THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLATION AND CORROBORATED BY
6 THE BOARD'S CONSULTANTS FOUND THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR
7 ADDITIONAL TRAINING, ADDITIONAL SUPERVISORS, ADDITIONAL
8 INVESTIGATORS, ADDITIONAL RISK MANAGERS AND AN INTERNAL AUDIT
9 SYSTEM AT THE DEPARTMENT. AND THOSE FIVE AREAS ARE WHAT THE
10 DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO IMPLEMENT IN
11 THIS LAST PERIOD OF TIME. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, FUNDING HAS
12 BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE C.E.O. TO THIS BOARD FOR A CUSTODY
13 DIVISION TRAINING BUREAU WHICH WOULD HAVE 33 POSITIONS, FOR
14 SIX COMPLIANCE LIEUTENANTS WHO WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY
15 RESPONSIBLE FOR RISK MANAGEMENT AT THE FACILITY LEVEL AND ALSO
16 FOR CONDUCTING INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS AND ALSO ON AN INTERIM
17 BASIS FOR 25 ADDITIONAL SERGEANTS TO ENHANCE THE SUPERVISION
18 PARTICULARLY IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, BUT ELSEWHERE IN THE
19 CUSTODY OPERATIONS. AT THIS TIME, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUBMITTED
20 DETAILED FUNDING REQUEST TO THE C.E.O., AND THESE ARE UNDER
21 REVIEW BY THE C.E.O., FOR ADDITIONAL INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU
22 INVESTIGATORS, INTERNAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATORS,
23 THE ADVOCACY UNIT, AND INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS. THEY'VE ALSO
24 PROVIDED DETAILED SUPPORT FOR AN INSPECTIONAL SERVICE COMMAND
25 WHICH WOULD CONDUCT INTERNAL AUDITS, FOR A DATA TRACKING



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1 SYSTEM, AND FOR ADDITIONAL SUPERVISORS UP TO A TOTAL OF
2 NINETY-SEVEN SERGEANTS AND TWO LIEUTENANTS. AND IN ADDITION AT
3 THIS POINT IN TIME, THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE A FUNDING REQUEST
4 FOR ADDITIONAL FIXED CLOSED CIRCUIT T.V. CAMERAS. THAT FUNDING
5 REQUEST IS UNDER REVIEW BY MYSELF AND BY THE BOARD'S
6 CONSULTANT. AND I EXPECT WE'LL HAVE A REPORT TO THIS BOARD IN
7 MY NEXT REPORT NEXT MONTH. LOOKING FORWARD, THERE ARE A NUMBER
8 OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE FUNDING. THESE ARE THE
9 FURTHER ASSESSMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE DEPUTY AND CUSTODY
10 ASSISTANT RATIO. ONE POINT THAT I WOULD MAKE IS WHEN WE WERE
11 HERE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, THERE WAS AN EXTENDED DISCUSSION,
12 PARTICULARLY I THINK BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REGARDING THE
13 FACT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD NOT ACHIEVED A 65/35 DEPUTY
14 CUSTODY ASSISTANT RATIO. IT WAS PROVIDED FOR IN THE
15 MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNIONS. THE DEPARTMENT
16 HAS NOW ACHIEVED THAT RATIO. AND THE NEXT STEP WILL BE TO DO
17 AN ASSESSMENT OF ALL OF THE POSITIONS WITHIN THE CUSTODY
18 OPERATIONS TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SHERIFF
19 POSITIONS THAT CAN BE SUPPLANTED BY CUSTODY ASSISTANTS WHICH
20 WILL RESULT IN A FINANCIAL SAVINGS TO THE DEPARTMENT. IN
21 ADDITION, THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PURCHASING THE BODY
22 SCANNERS, THAT FUNDING HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THIS BOARD. AND IT
23 IS ANTICIPATED THAT THOSE BODY SCANNERS WILL START TO BE IN
24 PLACE IN NOVEMBER. THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF
25 DEVELOPING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE TRACKING OF INMATE



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1 GRIEVANCES. NO, EXCUSE ME. LET ME BACK UP FOR A SECOND. THIS
2 IS NOT A PILOT PROGRAM OF THE THIS IS AN INTERIM STEP UNTIL
3 THERE'S AN UPGRADE OF THE ENTIRE P.P.I. SYSTEM, BUT THIS IS
4 THE TRACKING OF INMATE GRIEVANCES IN THE PERSONAL PERFORMANCE
5 INDEX BY THE NAMES OF THE DEPUTIES. A MAJOR ISSUE FOR PURPOSES
6 OF DISCOVERY IN CRIMINAL CASES AND ALSO FOR RISK MANAGEMENT
7 ISSUES. THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE DONE BY NEXT MONTH. THE
8 DEPARTMENT IS ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF CONDUCTING A FACILITIES
9 ASSESSMENT OF EACH OF THE SEVEN JAILS FOR THEIR OPERATIONAL
10 STAFFING TO DETERMINE WHAT JAILS NEED ADDITIONAL MANAGEMENT
11 STAFFING AND WHICH JAILS NEED LESS MANAGEMENT STAFFING. THAT
12 MAY HAVE AN ADDITIONAL FUNDING COMPONENT DOWN THE ROAD, BUT IT
13 MAY NOT. IT DEPENDS ON ULTIMATELY WHETHER THERE ARE ENOUGH
14 SAVINGS IN CERTAIN FACILITIES TO OFFSET THE NEED FOR
15 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IN OTHER FACILITIES. AND THEN THE LAST
16 THING THE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING ON IS A PILOT PROGRAM FOR
17 ELECTRONICALLY TRACKING INMATE GRIEVANCES IN THE IPADS. AND
18 THERE'S FUNDING FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM. IF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS
19 SUCCESSFUL AND SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCES THE TRACKING OF INMATE
20 GRIEVANCES, THEN THERE MAY BE A FUNDING COMPONENT OF THAT DOWN
21 THE ROAD. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THE DEPARTMENT HAS
22 IMPLEMENTED OR PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED 48 OF THE 60
23 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITIZENS COMMISSION OF JAIL VIOLENCE.
24 THE DEPARTMENT HAS NEW MANAGEMENT OVER A REORGANIZED CUSTODY
25 OPERATIONS. I THINK ONE OF "THE" MOST SIGNIFICANT



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1 RECOMMENDATIONS, PERHAPS "THE" MOST SIGNIFICANT RECOMMENDATION
2 THAT WAS MADE BY THE JAIL COMMISSION THAT I THINK WAS
3 RECOGNIZED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE EARLY ON WAS THE NEED FOR NEW
4 MANAGEMENT IN CUSTODY OPERATIONS. AND THAT NEW MANAGEMENT IS
5 NOW IN PLACE FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT SHERIFF, TERRI
6 MCDONALD. SHE HAS REORGANIZED THE CUSTODY OPERATIONS. SHE HAS
7 BROUGHT UP A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING DEPUTIES AND PUT THEM IN
8 POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP OVER THE CUSTODY OPERATIONS. ON TOP OF
9 IT, THE SHERIFF HAS REORGANIZED THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT, THE
10 MANAGEMENT IN THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO LONGER AN
11 UNDERSHERIFF WHO HAS RETIRED, BUT THAT UNDERSHERIFF NO LONGER
12 REALLY HAD DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CUSTODY OPERATIONS OR FOR
13 INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU
14 FOR A NUMBER OF MONTHS. THE DEPARTMENT NOW HAS FOUR ASSISTANT
15 SHERIFFS, EACH OF WHOM REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE SHERIFF. THE
16 SHERIFF HAS ALSO HAS A DIRECT REPORT OVER THE INTERNAL
17 AFFAIRS, INTERNAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS TO THE BUREAUS AND
18 THERE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT MANAGEMENT AT THIS POINT IN TIME
19 OVER THE DEPARTMENT. AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA RECOGNIZED AT THE
20 LAST MEETING, THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
21 IN PLACE TO MINIMIZE THE USE OF FORCE. AND AS SHE RECOGNIZED
22 AT THAT LAST MEETING, IT IS NOW UP TO MANAGEMENT TO MAKE SURE
23 THAT THOSE REFORMS TAKE PLACE IN THE JAILS AND TO HOLD
24 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THOSE REFORMS. AND AT
25 THIS POINT IN TIME, MANAGEMENT HAS TO HAVE THE TOOLS TO



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1 COMPLETE THEIR REFORM OF CUSTODY OPERATIONS. AND GOING BACK TO
2 A POINT I MADE EARLIER IN MY PRESENTATION, THERE ARE THE
3 FOLLOWING AREAS THAT ARE JUST CRITICAL TO FULLY IMPLEMENTING
4 ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL
5 VIOLENCE. AND THESE AREAS HAVE ALSO BEEN REVIEWED BY THE
6 BOARD'S CONSULTANTS. AND THEY CONCUR IN THE NEED FOR
7 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO ADDRESS TRAINING, SUPERVISION,
8 INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCIPLINE -- THOSE ARE REALLY TWO THINGS
9 TOGETHER -- RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL AUDITS. AND AT THIS
10 POINT IN TIME, WE ARE WORKING WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND
11 WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO FIND THE SUPPORT TO GET THE ADDITIONAL
12 RESOURCES IN THESE AREAS. AND THAT COMPLETES MY REPORT.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE GOING
15 TO MOVE NOW TO S-5. AND WE'LL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON BOTH OF
16 THE ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE US. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SHERIFF OR
17 ASSISTANT SHERIFF, PLEASE PROCEED?

18

19 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS. I
20 WILL TURN THIS PRESENTATION OVER TO ASSISTANT SHERIFF
21 MCDONALD. WE'RE BOTH AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS HAVE.

22

23 **TERRI MCDONALD:** THANK YOU, SHERIFF. I APOLOGIZE FIRST OF ALL.
24 I HAD A POWERPOINT. I KNOW HOW YOU LOVE A POWERPOINT THAT
25 DIDN'T GET SENT TO YOU. SO I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. JUST SOME



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1 OVERVIEW FROM OUR LAST MEETING. YOU HAD ASKED ABOUT HOW THE
2 CAMERAS WERE DOING. AS A REMINDER, THE CAMERAS WERE PLACED IN
3 I.R.C., TWIN TOWERS AND MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THEY STILL
4 CONTINUE TO TRACK ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF THE USE-OF- FORCE
5 INCIDENTS. ADDITIONALLY, THEY'VE CAPTURED EVERY USE-OF-FORCE
6 INCIDENT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO MINOR USES OF FORCE AS THE
7 CAMERA SYSTEM WAS DOWN AT THE TIME FOR A TECHNICAL PROBLEM.
8 AND IT'S BEEN RESOLVED. THE CAMERAS DO GO DOWN OCCASIONALLY,
9 AND WE HAVE A SYSTEM BY WHICH WE BRING THEM UP AS QUICK AS WE
10 CAN. MR. SUPERVISOR, YOU HAD ALSO ASKED ABOUT LOCATION AND HOW
11 WE WERE DOING ON THE DEPUTY ROTATION AS PART OF THE MERRICK
12 BOBB REPORT, AS WELL. WE ARE DOING A FULL REVIEW OF EVERY
13 JAIL, WE'VE COMPLETED MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. IT TAKES TIME
14 BECAUSE IT IS A MANUAL REVIEW. THERE'S NO COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT
15 DOES THAT. WE LEARNED THAT 100 PERCENT OF THE DEPUTIES WERE
16 ROTATED WITHIN NINE MONTHS. THE EXPECTATION IS SIX MONTHS. WE
17 FOUND 90 PERCENT OF THEM HAD BEEN ROTATED WITHIN THE SIX-MONTH
18 PERIOD. WE MISSED A FEW. WE GOT THAT CLEANED UP. I'LL REPORT
19 HOW WE'VE DONE IN THE REMAINING JAILS. USE-OF-FORCE TRENDS
20 CONTINUE TO BE ESSENTIALLY AS REPORTED IN OUR LAST MEETING. 75
21 PERCENT OF THE USES OF FORCE ARE REALLY, REALLY LOW-LEVEL
22 FORCE, NO INJURY. APPROXIMATELY 24 PERCENT THERE MIGHT BE AN
23 INJURY OF SOME MINOR NATURE. STILL ONLY 7 INCIDENTS SINCE THE
24 FIRST OF THE YEAR HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS OR
25 THERE'S BEEN A SIGNIFICANT INMATE INJURY. SO I REMAIN PLEASED.



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1 HOWEVER, WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK TO DRIVE DOWN THE OVERALL
2 NUMBERS AND TO CONTINUE TO TEACH DEPUTIES TO UTILIZE OTHER
3 OPTIONS OTHER THAN FORCE AND USE THAT ONLY AS A LAST RESORT.
4 AS FAR AS COMPLIANCE WITH GETTING OUR POLICIES OUR USE OF
5 FORCES DONE IN TIME, THAT'S AN AREA IN WHICH WE STRUGGLE WITH.
6 AND I THINK IT MOVES BACK TO WHAT MR. DROOYAN WAS SAYING ABOUT
7 NEEDING MORE SUPERVISORS. SO 34 PERCENT OF OUR PACKAGES ARE
8 BEING REVIEWED WITHIN THE 35-DAY TIME PERIOD. IT'S TAKEN US
9 ABOUT 41 DAYS. HOPEFUL IF WE GET MORE SUPERVISORS ONLINE,
10 WE'LL BE ABLE TO HIT THAT 35-DAYTIME PERIOD AT A GREATER
11 PERCENTAGE. I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.
12 AND THANK YOU TO MR. DROOYAN FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THE
15 POWERPOINT THAT YOU DID HAVE THE COPIES OF THOSE PAGES, WOULD
16 YOU PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY GET TO THE BOARD OFFICES IN SHORT
17 ORDER? AND WHOEVER WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THEM TO YOU AND
18 FAILING TO DO SO, TELL THEM THAT THEIR PROMOTION IS NOW ON
19 HOLD. THANK YOU. MR. ANTONOVICH.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOES BACK TO THE RECOMMENDATION. FIRST I WANT
22 TO COMMEND THE SHERIFF AND WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPLEMENT MANY
23 OF THE REFORMS THAT WE HAVE ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY KNOWING THAT
24 SOME OF THOSE REQUIRED ADDITIONAL TIME. BUT WE'RE MOVING IN
25 THAT DIRECTION, ESPECIALLY ON THE ISSUE OF THE 65/35 RATIO



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1 WHICH YOU NOW HAVE FOR CUSTODY ASSISTANTS. YOU HAVE 37
2 IMPLEMENTED. 11 PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED. AND 12 IN PROGRESS.
3 WHICH IS 60 OF THE 63 RECOMMENDATIONS. QUESTION, RICHARD, ON
4 RECOMMENDATION 412 TO CREATE THE INTERNAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION
5 DIVISION. BACK IN APRIL I'D ASKED ABOUT YOUR THOUGHTS AND
6 INPUT ON HAVING OBTAINING INPUT FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND
7 THE CREATION OF THE DIVISION GIVEN THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
8 WOULD LIKELY BE ASKED TO REVIEW THE INTERNAL AUDITS, CONDUCT
9 THE ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS. YOU THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD
10 IDEA IN REFERENCE THE I.G.'S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE L.A.P.D.
11 AUDITS. YOUR LATEST REPORT INFORMS US THAT THIS IS NOW AT THE
12 C.E.O.'S OFFICE FOR FUNDING CONTRIBUTION. DO YOU STILL AGREE
13 THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL SHOULD HAVE INPUT PRIOR TO CREATING
14 THIS DIVISION?

15

16 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** WELL, I THINK IT IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT
17 THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL HAVE SOME INPUT INTO THE AUDIT
18 PLANS THAT THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES COMMAND COMES UP WITH. I
19 THINK IN A PERFECT WORLD, IF YOU HAD AN INSPECTOR GENERAL IN
20 PLACE, HAVING THAT PERSON HAVE INPUT INTO THE CREATION OF THE
21 INSPECTION SERVICES COMMAND WOULD BE HELPFUL. BUT I THINK IT'S
22 ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL THAT WE GET MOVING ON THE COMMAND. THIS
23 WAS A REAL CHALLENGE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO CREATE SOMETHING
24 COMPLETELY NEW. WHEN IT COMES TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU, THEY
25 ALREADY HAVE ONE. SO IT'S A QUESTION OF AUGMENTING THAT



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1 BUREAU. WHEN IT COMES TO SUPERVISORS, IT'S A QUESTION OF
2 AUGMENTING THE SUPERVISION. BUT THIS WAS TO CREATE A
3 COMPLETELY DIFFERENT COMMAND. AND IT TOOK A GOOD SIX MONTHS OF
4 ME WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE
5 CONSULTANTS WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO COME
6 UP WITH THE PLAN, A PHASED-IN APPROACH TO DEVELOPING THE
7 INSPECTIONAL SERVICES COMMAND. AND IT DOESN'T HAVE WITHIN IT
8 SPECIFIC AUDITS THAT WILL BE CONDUCTED. IT HAS AN ASSESSMENT
9 OF THE NEEDS BASED UPON INPUT FROM THE VARIOUS DIFFERENT
10 SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. BUT MY VIEW AT
11 THIS POINT IN TIME IS WE OUGHT TO GO FORWARD AND DEVELOP --
12 SET UP THIS INSPECTIONAL SERVICES COMMAND AS EARLY AS WE CAN
13 WHILE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTING AN INSPECTOR GENERAL.
14 AND THAT BASED UPON THE DEPARTMENT'S PLANS TO PHASE IN THIS
15 COMMAND OVER AN 18-MONTH PERIOD OF TIME, IF THERE IS AN
16 INSPECTOR GENERAL THAT'S SELECTED BY THIS BOARD IN THREE
17 MONTHS OR SIX MONTHS, THAT INSPECTOR GENERAL WILL STILL HAVE
18 SOME INPUT INTO HOW THIS COMMAND ULTIMATELY LOOKS. BUT I WOULD
19 LIKE TO SEE US MOVE FORWARD ON CREATING THIS COMMAND. IT'S
20 GOING TO TAKE A LONG PERIOD OF TIME TO GET IT UP AND RUNNING.
21 AND I WOULD RATHER NOT WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE AN INSPECTOR GENERAL
22 SELECTED BEFORE WE START CREATING THIS COMMAND.
23



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON YOUR RECOMMENDATION 4.2, IF THE
2 INVESTIGATION CONCLUDED AFTER THE INVOLVED PARTIES RETIRED,
3 WHAT CONSTITUTES IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RECOMMENDATION?

4
5 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** I WILL BE REPORTING MORE FORMALLY ON THIS
6 IN MY NEXT REPORT. LET ME ADDRESS YOUR QUESTION. I THINK IN
7 MANY WAYS THIS IS THE MOST DIFFICULT RECOMMENDATION FOR ME TO
8 ASSESS, HOW THE DEPARTMENT HAS IMPLEMENTED THIS
9 RECOMMENDATION. I HAVE HAD NOW ACCESS TO ALL OF THE INTERNAL
10 AFFAIRS -- I THINK ALL OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION.
11 CERTAINLY MULTIPLE INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS THAT AROSE
12 OUT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL
13 VIOLENCE. AND I CAN SAY AT THIS POINT IN TIME ALL OF THE
14 MANAGERS WHO WERE IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND, WHO WERE
15 RESPONSIBLE EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FOR THE VAST BULK OF
16 THE PROBLEMS THAT WE UNCOVERED IN THE JAILS HAVE LEFT THE
17 DEPARTMENT. SOME, AT LEAST IN ONE CASE, I THINK IT WAS A
18 DIRECT RESULT OF THE ACTUAL FINDINGS OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS
19 INVESTIGATION. IN OTHER CASES, I THINK IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE
20 INFLUENCE OF THE SHERIFF THAT IT WAS TIME FOR CERTAIN PEOPLE
21 TO MOVE ON. IN ONE CASE IT MAY HAVE BEEN INDIRECTLY RELATED TO
22 THE EXISTENCE OF THE INTERNAL INVESTIGATION. ULTIMATELY, WHAT
23 I CAN SAY IS THAT EVERYBODY WHO I THINK HAD MANAGEMENT
24 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROBLEMS THAT WERE UNCOVERED BY THE
25 CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE HAVE LEFT THE



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1 DEPARTMENT. I AM LIMITED IN WHAT I CAN SAY TO THIS BOARD IN
2 TERMS OF SPECIFICS BECAUSE OF THE POLICE OFFICERS BILL OF
3 RIGHTS. SO I CAN'T IDENTIFY ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS OR
4 DISCUSS WHAT THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINED TO DO WITH RESPECT TO
5 THOSE INDIVIDUALS. I ALSO KNOW, AS SOMEBODY WHO HAS BEEN A
6 MANAGER IN A PROSECUTION AGENCY, PERSONNEL DECISIONS ARE
7 ALWAYS THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEMS MANAGEMENT FACES. AND
8 SOMETIMES MANAGERS NEED TO HAVE A HEART TO HEART CONVERSATION
9 WITH SUBORDINATES THAT ALONG THE LINES OF "IT'S NOW TIME FOR
10 YOU TO DO SOMETHING ELSE" THAT RESULTS IN THOSE SUBORDINATES
11 LEAVING AN OFFICE. SO ULTIMATELY I BELIEVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT
12 HAS IMPLEMENTED THE RECOMMENDATION. THERE ARE MORE AGGRESSIVE
13 WAYS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED. BUT AT THIS POINT IN
14 TIME, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ENTIRELY NEW MANAGEMENT OVER THE
15 CUSTODY OPERATIONS. AND WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OVERALL AND
16 THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROBLEMS ARE NO
17 LONGER WITH THE DEPARTMENT. AND SO A LONG-WINDED WAY OF SAYING
18 I THINK THE DEPARTMENT HAS IMPLEMENTED THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS.
19 BUT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN MORE AGGRESSIVE ABOUT THAT.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO YOU HOLD MANAGERS ACCOUNTABLE IF THE
22 RESULTS OF AN INVESTIGATION ARE NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER THEY
23 HAVE RETIRED?

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1 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** WELL, THAT ASSUMES THAT THERE WERE NO
2 ONGOING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE SHERIFF AND CURRENT MANAGEMENT
3 WITH THOSE PEOPLE WHILE THOSE INVESTIGATIONS WERE ONGOING.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN YOU HOLD MANAGERS ACCOUNTABLE IF THE
6 RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION ARE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THEIR
7 RETIREMENT DATE?

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9 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** YES. YOU CAN TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION.
10 WELL, LET ME SAY, WITH RESPECT TO MISCONDUCT, YOU CAN TAKE
11 DISCIPLINARY ACTION WHEN YOU RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF AN
12 INVESTIGATION AND ISSUE A LETTER OF INTENT TO IMPOSE
13 DISCIPLINE AS LONG AS THAT PERSON IS STILL WITH THE
14 DEPARTMENT. BUT YOU ALSO DON'T NECESSARILY NEED TO IMPOSE
15 DISCIPLINE NECESSARILY TO HOLD MANAGERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR
16 FAILING TO PERFORM THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. THERE ARE OTHER
17 TOOLS THAT ARE AVAILABLE: TRANSFERS, TAKING AWAY
18 RESPONSIBILITIES. I THINK THE SHERIFF DID TAKE AWAY A LOT OF
19 THE RESPONSIBILITY -- IN FACT, ALL OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
20 CUSTODY OPERATIONS AND THE DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM. HE TOOK THOSE
21 RESPONSIBILITIES AWAY FROM THE UNDERSHERIFF AS A RESULT OF THE
22 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE.
23 AND HE REORGANIZED HIS DEPARTMENT SO THAT THE OPERATIONAL
24 RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OF THE DIVISIONS RESTED WITH ASSISTANT
25 SHERIFFS WHO REPORTED DIRECTLY TO HIM. SO IN MANY WAYS, THAT



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1 WAS HOLDING THE UNDERSHERIFF ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT THE JAIL
2 COMMISSION PERCEIVED TO BE SOME SIGNIFICANT FAILINGS ON HIS
3 PART.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, IF INVESTIGATION RESULTS
6 SHOW A FAILURE TO FOLLOW POLICY, AND LET'S ASSUME SUSPENSION
7 WITHOUT PAY IS WARRANTED, COULD YOU IMPOSE THAT FOR THE DAYS
8 LEADING UP TO RETIREMENT? WE HAVE TO ASK A LAWYER AND YOU'RE
9 THE LAWYER.

10

11 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** YOU CERTAINLY COULD. DEPENDING UPON YOUR
12 ASSESSMENT OF THE VIOLATION, YOU COULD DO THAT. I THINK MOST
13 MANAGERS, DEPENDING UPON HOW SOON THAT PERSON WAS TO
14 RETIREMENT, WOULD LET THAT PERSON RETIRE. ALTHOUGH IT SENDS A
15 STRONGER MESSAGE, THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, IF YOU WERE TO
16 IMPOSE DISCIPLINE ON THAT PERSON, NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT
17 THAT THERE WAS A SHORT TIME PERIOD. BUT, AGAIN, THOSE ARE
18 TOUGH MANAGEMENT DECISIONS. THE HARDEST DECISIONS THAT I EVER
19 FACED WHEN I WAS A MANAGER, AND I UNDERSTAND THE DIFFICULTY OF
20 THOSE DECISIONS. BUT I DO THINK THAT -- I DO THINK THERE IS A
21 MESSAGE THAT HAS GONE OUT THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE
22 PEOPLE WHO THE JAIL COMMISSION FELT WERE MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR
23 THE PROBLEMS IN THE JAILS HAVE LEFT THE DEPARTMENT AND IT'S
24 NOT JUST A COINCIDENCE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
4 THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS YOU'D LIKE TO
5 HAVE ENTERTAINED AT THIS POINT IN TIME, NOW'S THE OPPORTUNITY.
6 WE'LL HEAR THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO BE HEARD. ARNOLD SACHS.
7 TERESIJA SIGMUND. PETER ELIASBURG. TAVARIO MUHAMMAD. AND
8 ARNOLD SACHS ON 4 AND 5.

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10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. ONE
11 DOOR OPENS AND ANOTHER ONE CLOSES. AGAIN, IT'S MY CONCERN
12 HERE, AND ALTHOUGH I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE, THE
13 FACT THAT YOU SEPARATE THESE TWO ITEMS, OFFICES S-4 AND S-5,
14 YOU HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS BY MERRICK BOBB AND THE OFFICE OF
15 INDEPENDENT REVIEW AND S-5 BECOMES CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL
16 HOUSE VIOLENCE. BACK ON JULY 24TH OF THIS YEAR, THERE WAS A
17 STORY ABOUT L.A.P.D. DEFENDS EFFORTS TO CUT SUITS THAT DEALT
18 WITH PERSONAL SUITS, LAWSUITS, BUT IT MENTIONED THAT THEY HAVE
19 TWO REPORTS. ONE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS' INSPECTOR GENERAL. SO
20 THE L.A.P.D. COMMISSION HAS AN INSPECTOR GENERAL IN-OFFICE,
21 BASICALLY, TO DO SOME WORK. AND YOU'RE STILL LOOKING FOR ONE.
22 AND THE OTHER PERSON MAKING THE REPORT WAS GERALD CHELOF THE
23 SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING TO CHIEF
24 CHARLIE BECK. THE COMMISSIONERS ASKED THAT BOTH OF THE GROUPS
25 WORK TOGETHER, YET YOU SEPARATE YOUR TWO GROUPS. ONE DOOR



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1 OPENS AND ANOTHER ONE CLOSES. AND THEN SOMEBODY ELSE COMES IN
2 AND CLOSES THE DOOR BEHIND HIM. SO AS FAR AS ANOTHER PART,
3 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AGAIN HOW TO HOLD EMPLOYEES ACCOUNTABLE
4 THE SAME WAY YOU HOLD ELECTEDS ACCOUNTABLE AFTER THEY'VE LEFT
5 OFFICE, HOW DO YOU DO THAT? YOU CLEAN UP THEIR MESS. THEN ON
6 OCTOBER 2, 2012, YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS DIRECTED THE
7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING
8 A PERMANENT AND INDEPENDENT CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT
9 COMMISSION? HOW'S THAT GOING? WHAT'S THE STATUS ON THAT?

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** TIME'S UP. THANK YOU.

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13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WILL I GET TO COME BACK ON 5? BECAUSE HE SAID
14 TWO ITEMS. SO I'LL COME BACK ON ITEM 5.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** TERESIJA SIGMUND?

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18 **TERESIJA SIGMUNT:** IT SEEMS TO ME AGAIN THAT YOU FAILED TO SEE
19 THE WOODS FROM ALL THE TREES. THERE ARE EIGHT TIMES MORE
20 PRISONERS IN THIS COUNTRY THAN THERE ARE IN GERMANY. HAVING
21 LIVED IN GERMANY, I REASSURE YOU YOU ARE NOT EIGHT TIMES WORSE
22 THAN GERMANS. BY FAR NOT. I MEAN, WHAT A HORRIBLE STATEMENT TO
23 MAKE ABOUT YOUR OWN NATION. FURTHERMORE, YOU HAVE FIVE TIMES
24 MORE PRISONERS THAN ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. AND L.A. COUNTY HAS
25 MORE PRISONERS THAN ANYWHERE IN AMERICA. SO BY DEDUCTIVE



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1 REASONING, NOT THAT MINE'S TERRIBLY GREAT, WOULDN'T THAT MAKE
2 YOU JUST THE WORST IN THE THE WORLD? WOULDN'T YOU REALLY MAKE
3 THE STATEMENT THAT L.A. PEOPLE ARE THE WORST ON PLANET EARTH?
4 THAT IS INSULTING TO ME. I DON'T MAKE BAD DECISIONS LIKE THAT
5 THAT I WOULD MOVE TO PLACE, THAT IS HORROR, PURE HORROR. SO
6 THAT'S INSULTING, PERSONALLY. ALSO THE D.C.F.S., MOST OF THE
7 PRISONERS ARE FROM D.C.F.S. SYSTEM. AND THE DYSFUNCTIONAL
8 AGENCY WILL NOT PRODUCE FUNCTIONAL INDIVIDUALS. IF YOU LOOKED
9 AT THE PAROLEE STATISTIC THINGS, IT SAYS RIGHT THERE. THESE
10 YOUNGSTERS ARE THE HIGHEST VOLUME OF THEIR PEOPLE AND THEY'RE
11 MAINLY BROWN, MELANIN-RICH, SURPRISE, WHICH IS STATISTICALLY
12 NOT SUPPORTABLE. AND THEY'RE MAINLY POOR. AND THEY'RE MAINLY
13 DRUG ADDICTS AND THEREFORE ROBBERIES. IN 2013, AREN'T YOU
14 ASHAMED OF YOURSELF THAT STILL YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE
15 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ADDICT AND A CRIMINAL? AN AN ADDICT
16 NEEDS TO GET HELP FOR ADDICTS AND A CRIMINAL HELP FOR
17 CRIMINALS. THESE SHERIFFS PEOPLE, THEY AREN'T EQUIPPED TO HELP
18 ADDICTS. THEY SHOULDN'T EVEN BE IN THE SYSTEM BECAUSE THAT'S A
19 WHOLE DIFFERENT TYPE OF ANIMAL. I DON'T THINK THEY'RE EVEN
20 TRAINED FOR THAT. YOU HAVE EVERYTHING COLLAPSE ON YOU THAT
21 YOU'VE CAUSED FOR THE LAST 20 SOME YEARS AND IF NOT LONGER BY
22 HAVING ALL OF THESE KIDS, LITTLE BROWN BABIES END UP IN YOUR
23 LITTLE SYSTEM AND NOW THEY AGE OUT, THEY WERE NEVER EVEN ABLE
24 TO FUNCTION AND NOW YOU EXPECT SOMETHING FROM THEM THAT YOU
25 SHOULDN'T EXPECT FROM A PROCESS THAT WASN'T EQUIPPED.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. PETER?

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4 **PETER ELIASBERG:** TWO POINTS, SUPERVISORS. FIRST, I REALLY
5 APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S HIRING OF MR. DROOYAN AND THE REGULAR
6 REPORTS FROM MR. DROOYAN ON THIS STATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
7 JAIL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT NOT EVERY RECOMMENDATION
8 IN THE JAIL COMMISSION WAS DIRECTED TOWARDS THE SHERIFF'S
9 DEPARTMENT. AT LEAST ONE WAS DIRECTED TOWARDS THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS. AND THAT WAS THAT IN HIRING AN I.G., THERE BE
11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS. ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF
12 HIRING THE I.G. WAS TO RESTORE THE DEEPLY SHAKEN FAITH THAT
13 THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAVE IN THE SHERIFF'S
14 DEPARTMENT. PART OF THE WAY YOU DO THAT IS TO GET PUBLIC
15 PARTICIPATION AMONG THE STAKEHOLDERS IN HIRING SOMEONE WHO
16 WILL BE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF ANY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
17 REFORM. THE FIRST TIME THAT RECOMMENDATION WAS COMPLETELY
18 IGNORED, AND I GATHER THE PROCESS WENT NOWHERE. I HOPE THIS
19 TIME AROUND THE BOARD WILL ACCEPT AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE
20 RECOMMENDATION THAT WAS DIRECTED AT IT TO HAVE PUBLIC
21 PARTICIPATION IN THE HIRING. OBVIOUSLY THE PUBLIC WON'T BE THE
22 FINAL HIRER, BUT THEY SHOULD HAVE AN INPUT INTO THE PROCESS
23 BECAUSE THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF INSURING THAT THE
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT GOES FORWARD IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THE
25 SECOND POINT I'D JUST LIKE TO DIRECT TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.



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1 SUPERVISOR, I THINK THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INSURING
2 THAT SOMEONE NO LONGER WORKS IN AN AGENCY AND IS SEEN BY THE
3 REST OF THE AGENCY AS HAVING BEEN DISCIPLINED. I THINK IT IS A
4 GOOD THING THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KINDS
5 OF PROBLEMS THAT THE JAIL COMMISSION FOUND NO LONGER WORKS IN
6 THE AGENCY, BUT WHAT MESSAGE DOES IT SEND TO DEPUTIES THAT
7 THOSE PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO SLIDE INTO RETIREMENT AT FULL PAY
8 AND PROBABLY AT SOME OF THE HIGHEST PAY LEVELS IN THE
9 DEPARTMENT IF NOT THE HIGHEST OTHER THAN SHERIFF BACA AND
10 BASICALLY WHAT'S SAID "OKAY, GO INTO RETIREMENT." NO SLAP ON
11 THE WRIST, NO NOTHING. THAT SENDS A TERRIBLE MESSAGE TO PEOPLE
12 WHO -- DEPUTIES WHO ONE HOPES IN THE FUTURE WILL BE
13 DISCIPLINED OR EVEN TERMINATED IF THEY DO WRONG. BUT WHAT
14 ABOUT THE HIGHER UPS WHO DO WRONG? SLIDING INTO RETIREMENT AT
15 FULL PAY IS NOT THE WAY YOU SEND A MESSAGE THE DEPARTMENT IS
16 SERIOUS ABOUT HOLDING EVERYONE ACCOUNTABLE, NOT JUST THE LOWER
17 LEVELS. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET THE RECORD
20 REFLECT THAT MR. ELIASBURG AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ARE IN
21 AGREEMENT, ALL RIGHT? THANK YOU. NUMBER 3. WATCH YOURSELF, MR.
22 ANTONOVICH. SIR? YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

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24 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** JABRIEL MUHAMMAD, I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE
25 (INAUDIBLE) JUSTICE MOVEMENT. MY ATTENTION WAS BROUGHT TO THE



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1 AGENDA AS I SURFED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE OTHER DAY AND
2 I SAW THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM AS FAR AS THE VIOLENCE WITHIN
3 THE COUNTY JAIL. LITTLE DID I KNOW THAT THE CITIZENS
4 COMMISSION, THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON VIOLENCE, JAIL VIOLENCE
5 HAS SUBMITTED A REPORT. I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO GET A COPY
6 OF IT AND PERUSE IT. BUT MY OPINION HERE IS THE INMATES. NOW,
7 I UNDERSTAND THAT WITH THIS CASE SCENARIO THAT THE SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT ITSELF HAVE BEEN CRITICIZED IN REGARDS TO
9 MISCONDUCT AND POLICIES LEADING TO SUCH. BUT MY CONCERN
10 PRIMARILY IS THE INMATE POPULATION AND HOW THEY ARE BEING
11 SUBJECT TO VIOLENCE AND PUT IN HARM'S WAY. AND I'M CURIOUS AS
12 TO WHAT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO SEE TO IT THAT THIS IS NOT
13 THE CASE. AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT HARM ON THE PART OF THE
14 SHERIFFS THEMSELVES. I'M TALKING ABOUT HARM'S WAY ON THE PART
15 OF THE INMATES THEMSELVES AND HOW BY VIRTUE OF THE HOUSING,
16 THAT THEY'RE SUBJECT TO JEOPARDY. AND IF YOU ARE IN FACT IN
17 CONTROL AND MANIPULATING WHERE A PARTICULAR PRISONER WOULD BE
18 HOUSED, THEN YOU ARE, IN FACT, CONTROLLING AND MANIPULATING
19 HIS JEOPARDY. AND THIS IS PRIMARILY WHERE MY CONCERNS WERE;
20 AND THAT IS HOW ARE WE LIMITING OR WHAT ARE WE DOING TO REMEDY
21 THE WAY WE ARE HOUSING OUR VIOLATORS SO AS TO NOT SUBJECT THEM
22 TO HARM AS WELL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

23
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
25 THAT CLOSES THE COMMENT ON THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON ITEMS



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1 S-4, AND S-5. WE WILL NOW MOVE FORWARD TO THE NEXT ITEM,
2 HAVING RECEIVED AND FILED THOSE REPORTS. MADAM EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICER? A NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON CS-2. AND
4 THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS, PLEASE COME FORWARD: DENIZ AKBUS, LAUREN
5 STEINER, SUSAN O'CARROL, NICK DONOVAN, CLYDE WILLIAMS, MICHAEL
6 KEENAN, NORM WILKINSON, IRMA MUNOZ, MATT BERKELHAMMER, HOLLY
7 OVERIN, ANDREA GORDON. IN THAT ORDER IF YOU WOULD COME
8 FORWARD. THIS IS CS-2 WHICH PERTAINS TO THE MATTER THAT WILL
9 BE TAKEN UP. ALL RIGHT. YOU MAY PROCEED. SIR?

10

11 **DENIZ AKBAS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DENIZ AKBUS. I'M HERE TO
12 TALK ABOUT THIS ITEM, OBVIOUSLY. IT'S BEEN A LONG MORNING. IN
13 THE BEGINNING OF THE MORNING, SOMEONE HAD INVOKED MARTIN
14 LUTHER KING AND MORALITY. SO I'D LIKE TO SPEAK A LITTLE BIT
15 ABOUT THAT. AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE EARTHQUAKE
16 ISSUE THAT'S POSSIBLE RESULTING FROM OIL DRILLING BECAUSE OF
17 COURSE AS WE ALL KNOW EARTHQUAKES ARE NOT A PROBLEM IN
18 CALIFORNIA. LET'S TALK ABOUT WATER. IN PENNSYLVANIA, ENDEMIC
19 FRACKING HAS CAUSED AN OIL-GAS -- EXPLORATION HAS CAUSED WATER
20 TO BE CONTAMINATED. IN DISH, TEXAS, WE HAVE AN ENTIRE TOWN
21 WITH MORE CONTAMINATED WATER. IN SHAFTER, CALIFORNIA, JUST
22 OVER THE COUNTY LINE, THERE'S ILLEGAL DUMPING GOING ON AROUND
23 OIL AND DRILLING ACTIVITIES. SO WHETHER YOU DECIDE TO CALL IT
24 FRACKING OR GRAVEL PACKING OR ACIDDIZATION OR WHATEVER OTHER
25 NAME TO BE CALLED, WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON IS THAT IT'S NOTHING



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1 NEW. IT'S BEING CALLED NEW TECHNOLOGY. IT'S BEING CALLED OLD
2 TECHNOLOGY. IT KEEPS GOING AROUND. BUT REALLY THE QUESTION IS
3 ON MORALITY. HOW DO YOU RECONCILE POISONING SOMEONE'S WATER
4 AND CALLING IT MORAL? AND WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS IF ANY
5 INDIVIDUAL IN THIS ROOM WENT INTO A TOWN'S WATER SUPPLY AND
6 POISONED IT, THEY WOULD BE PUT IN JAIL. WHY? BECAUSE POISONING
7 PEOPLE OR HARMING THEM OTHERWISE IS AMORAL. BUT IF ONE PERSON
8 -- IF A GROUP OF PEOPLE COME TOGETHER AS AN OIL COMPANY AND
9 SAY, "I WOULD LIKE A PERMIT TO POISON THE CITY'S WATER" THEY
10 GET A PERMIT. SO IT'S IMMORAL IF ONE PERSON DOES IT. BUT IT'S
11 COMPLETELY FINE AND PERMITTED IF ANOTHER GROUP SAYS IT AND
12 DOES IT. AND HERE IN CALIFORNIA, WATER IS ONE OF THE MOST
13 PRECIOUS RESOURCES WE HAVE. IT'S INCLUDED IN THE CONSTITUTION
14 OF THE STATE THAT WE NEED TO PROTECT THIS VERY VALUABLE
15 RESOURCE. SO, PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE OIL DRILLING IN WHITTIER.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
18 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

19

20 **LAUREN STEINER:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
21 LAUREN STEINER. AND I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF BENEDICT CANYON
22 FOR 24 YEARS. IN 1991, THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
23 WAS HELPFUL TO ME AND MY NEIGHBORS IN STOPPING A DEVELOPMENT
24 ON OUR STREET. BUT TODAY I AM HERE TO OPPOSE THEM AND STAND IN
25 SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF WHITTIER. PEOPLE THINK WHEN YOU



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1 OPPOSE MANSIONIZATION, YOU'RE A NIMBY. WELL, I CONSIDER THE
2 ENTIRE LOS ANGELES REGION MY BACKYARD. THE ENTIRE STATE, THE
3 ENTIRE COUNTRY, INDEED THE ENTIRE PLANET IS MY BACKYARD.
4 SURELY IT IS AN ISSUE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WHEN WE ONLY
5 PROTECT LANDS IN WEALTHY AREAS AND THE HEALTH OF WEALTHY
6 PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE OF WHITTIER DESERVE OPEN SPACE. CAN I HAVE
7 YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE? I WAITED 4-1/2 HOURS. IT WOULD BE NICE
8 IF YOU LISTENED TO WHAT I HAD TO SAY. WELL, YOU KNOW, THANK
9 YOU. THE PEOPLE OF WHITTIER DESERVE OPEN SPACE. AND THEY
10 DESERVE NOT TO HAVE THEIR HEALTH JEOPARDIZED BY OIL DRILLING.
11 THE PEOPLE IN BALDWIN HILLS WHERE THERE IS THE LARGEST URBAN
12 OIL FIELD IN THE NATION HAVE BEEN SUFFERING THE ILL EFFECTS OF
13 OIL DRILLING FOR YEARS. THERE ARE INCREASED INCIDENCES OF
14 ASTHMA AND OTHER RESPIRATORY DISEASES, INCREASED AUTOIMMUNE
15 DISEASES, NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASES AND ALL KINDS OF CANCER.
16 THERE IS ALSO A CANCER CLUSTER IN BEVERLY HILLS WHERE THEY
17 WERE DRILLING FOR OIL ON THE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR YEARS. DO
18 WE WANT TO SPREAD THIS TO WHITTIER, TOO? A THOUSAND FEET FROM
19 THE OIL FIELD IS A SCHOOL FOR 100 KIDS WITH AUTISM AND
20 ASPERGER'S; THEY'RE ALREADY NEUROLOGICALLY DAMAGED. I'VE BEEN
21 WORKING TO GET A BAN ON FRACKING IN THE STATE FOR A YEAR AND A
22 HALF NOW. IN ADDITION TO ALL THE OTHER HARMS OF DRILLING FOR
23 OIL, BURNING THE OIL INCREASES GLOBAL WARMING. WE'VE ALREADY
24 REACHED 400 PARTS PER MILLION OF CO2 IN THE ATMOSPHERE. WE
25 HAVE TO STOP DRILLING AND KEEP THE CARBON IN THE GROUND OR WE



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1 WON'T BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN HUMAN LIFE ON THIS PLANET. I HAVE TWO
2 CHILDREN WHOSE FUTURES I FEAR FOR. I WAS GOING TO QUOTE MARTIN
3 LUTHER KING'S QUOTE ABOUT "THE FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW" BECAUSE
4 IT CERTAINLY APPLIES TO GLOBAL WARMING. BUT IN THE SAME SPEECH
5 HE SAID THIS, AND HE WAS TALKING ABOUT VIETNAM. BUT HE COULD
6 HAVE EASILY BEEN TALKING ABOUT WHITTIER. "THEY WATCH AS WE
7 POISON THEIR WATER AS WE KILL A MILLION ACRES OF THEIR CROPS.
8 THEY MUST WEEP OVER OUR BULLDOZERS AS OUR BULLDOZERS WAR
9 THROUGH THEIR AREAS PREPARING TO DESTROY THEIR PRECIOUS
10 TREES." I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE WISE RULING OF THE JUDGE WHO
11 FOUND THE OIL DRILLING IN WHITTIER ILLEGAL AND ORDERED THEM TO
12 REMOVE THEIR EQUIPMENT. DON'T JOIN THE SHADY SETTLEMENT. DON'T
13 SELL OUT THE PEOPLE IN WHITTIER SO THAT HIKERS IN MALIBU--

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE EXTENDED YOU AN
16 ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF TIME. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU
17 VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **SUSAN O'CARROLL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

22

23 **SUSAN O'CARROLL:** MY NAME IS SUSAN O'CARROLL AND I LIVE IN
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT. THANK YOU, BY THE WAY, FOR
25 YOUR MANY, MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTY. I'M HERE ABOUT



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1 THE WHITTIER OIL PROJECT, WHICH IS A PROJECT THAT I'VE BEEN
2 INVOLVED IN TRACKING FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. AND THIS PROJECT
3 MAKES ME REALLY SAD. IN 1992, WE VOTERS APPROVED PROPOSITION A
4 FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING PROPERTIES FOR PARKS,
5 RECREATION, TRAILS, WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND NATURAL LANDS FOR
6 THE COUNTY. ESSENTIALLY WE ENTERED INTO A SOCIAL CONTRACT WITH
7 YOU WHERE WE AGREED, AS TAXPAYERS, TO BE TAXED AND YOU AGREED
8 TO BE STEWARDS OF THE PROP A FUNDS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT
9 THE BASIC IDEA WAS TO MAINTAIN THE LANDS PURCHASED WITH PROP A
10 FUNDS IN PERPETUITY AS OPEN SPACE. IN ADDITION, WE
11 SPECIFICALLY VOTED FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE WHITTIER LANDS
12 BECAUSE THEY WERE IMPORTANT HABITAT AND PART OF THE WILDLIFE
13 CORRIDOR. IN LEASING PROP A LANDS TO MATRIX OIL, THE CITY OF
14 WHITTIER HAS BROKEN MULTIPLE PROMISES TO YOU AND TO WE THE
15 VOTERS TO MAINTAIN THE LAND IN PERPETUITY AS OPEN SPACE.
16 RECENTLY, THE M.R.C.A. AGREED TO TAKE OIL REVENUES IN EXCHANGE
17 FOR NOT ENFORCING DEED RESTRICTIONS THAT WERE PART OF THE
18 TERMS OF SALE. IN DOING SO, THE M.R.C.A. BETRAYED THE PUBLIC
19 TRUST PLACED IN IT BY VOTERS AS A TRANSFER AGENT. THE QUESTION
20 NOW IS ARE YOU, TOO, GOING TO BREACH OUR SOCIAL CONTRACT AND
21 ALLOW THE WHITTIER OIL PROJECT TO GO FORWARD? I REALLY HOPE
22 NOT, SINCE THAT WOULD MAKE IT VERY HARD FOR ME AS A TAXPAYER
23 TO TRUST YOU WHEN YOU ASK FOR ME ADDITIONAL TAX REVENUES. IT'S
24 TIME FOR ALL THE CLOSED DOOR NEGOTIATIONS AND CLOSED SESSIONS
25 TO END AND THIS MATTER TO BE DELIBERATED IN THE LIGHT OF DAY.



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1 AS PART OF ENDING THE CLOSED DOOR NATURE OF DISCUSSIONS ON
2 THIS PROJECT, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY ASK EACH ONE OF YOU TODAY A
3 VERY BASIC QUESTION: ARE YOU IN FAVOR OR OPPOSED TO THIS
4 LARGE-SCALE OIL DRILLING PROJECT LOCATED IN A HABITAT PRESERVE
5 ON LANDS PURCHASED WITH PROP A TAX DOLLARS APPROVED BY THE
6 VOTERS WITH THE STATED PROMISE OF PRESERVATION IN PERPETUITY?
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
10 TESTIMONY. MAY I SIMPLY SUGGEST TO YOU THAT IT'S FULLY
11 DEFENSIBLE AS TO NOT DISCUSS LEGAL MATTERS IN OPEN SESSION.
12 I'M SURE, FOR THOSE OF US WHO MAY SHARE YOUR POINT OF VIEW,
13 YOU WOULD NOT WISH, I REPEAT, WOULD NOT WISH FOR US TO
14 DISCLOSE WHAT OUR LEGAL STRATEGY IS TO THOSE WHO HAVE A
15 DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW. THEREFORE, THE REASON FOR IT TO BE IN
16 CLOSED SESSION. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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18 **SUSAN O'CARROLL:** THANK YOU, SIR.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
21 TESTIMONY.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR
24 YOUR TIME. AND ONCE AGAIN I'D LIKE TO REITERATE THE FIRST
25 SPEAKER, DR. KING, HAS BEEN A GREAT INSPIRATION TO ME. HE WAS



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1 A MAN WHO STOOD FOR JUSTICE AND PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE WITH
2 HIS LIFE AS BEING A MAN SEEKING JUSTICE IN HIS LIFE AND GOD
3 BLESS HIM. ONLY A FEW WEEKS GO I STOOD BEFORE YOU TO BRING TO
4 YOUR ATTENTION THE FEARS OF THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS FROM THE
5 CITY OF WHITTIER THE FEAR OF BEING BETRAYED BY JOE EDMISTON
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF S.M.M.C. M.R.C.A. BECAME A REALITY LAST
7 WEEK BY HIS WILLINGNESS TO SELL OUT HIS OFFICE AND THE MISSION
8 OF BOTH AGENCIES HE REPRESENTS FOR A SUM OF MONIES IN LIEU OF
9 RELEASING BY A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT THE CITY OF WHITTIER
10 MATRIX OIL AND CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, A TEXAS-BASED OIL
11 COMPANY TO DRILL FOR OIL AND GAS ON PROP A LAND, THE WHITTIER
12 HILLS, LAND IN PUBLIC TRUST, TO HAVE BEEN OPEN SPACE IN
13 PERPETUITY. THE MADNESS OF THIS DECISION IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE
14 TO COMPREHEND. NO INTELLIGENT, RATIONAL EXPLANATION CAN BE
15 GIVEN TO SUPPORT JOE EDMISTON'S DECISION NO MATTER HOW MUCH
16 MONEY AN OIL COMPANY WAS WILLING TO THROW AT HIM. THE
17 WILLINGNESS TO DESTROY SOMETHING THAT WAS GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE
18 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PROP A LAND, SO THAT HE JOE EDMISTON
19 MAY HAVE THE FINANCIAL ABILITY TO MAKE FUTURE LAND
20 ACQUISITIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY IS TRULY
21 UNFORGIVABLE. FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS OR SO, HUNDREDS OF
22 INFORMED RESIDENTS FOUGHT TO PROTECT THIS LAND FROM THE
23 MINDLESS ACTS OF THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL AND ITS PARTNER
24 MATRIX OIL. UP AGAINST A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN OF LIES,
25 MISINFORMATION AND A P.R. CAMPAIGN SPEARHEADED BY THE LOBBYING



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1 FIRM OF ENGLANDER, KNABE AND ALLEN, THE PEOPLE FINALLY HAD
2 THEIR DAY AND ONE IN COURT. HOWEVER NO ONE EVER THOUGHT THAT
3 THE VERY AGENCIES THAT TOOK THE FIGHT FORWARD WOULD HAVE EVER
4 CAPITULATED FOR MONEY AND BE WILLING TO SETTLE THE EXPENSE OF
5 GENERATIONS TO COME. IS THERE NO ONE LEFT TO HAVE THE MORAL
6 COURAGE TO STAND UP AGAINST BIG OIL AND PROTECT FUTURE
7 GENERATIONS OF THIS COUNTY AND STATE FROM THE IMPENDING DOOM
8 OF A FOSSIL FUEL DRIVEN ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHE? I KNOW THE
9 ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION IS YES BECAUSE THE ULTIMATE DECISION
10 THAT WILL DECIDE THE OUTCOME OF THIS STORY WILL BE MADE BY
11 THIS ELECTED BODY. YOU AND YOU ALONE WILL DECIDE THAT JUSTICE
12 WILL BE SERVED, THAT THE INTENT OF PROP A WILL STAND, THAT THE
13 PEOPLE OF WHITTIER WILL BE VINDICATED AND THAT THE MADNESS OF
14 PEOPLE LIKE JOE EDMISTON AND THE IGNORANCE OF THE WHITTIER
15 CITY COUNCIL WILL BE TRUMPED BY THE LEADERSHIP OF PEOPLE LIKE
16 YOU. ON BEHALF OF MY WIFE AND CHILDREN, MY FOUR TEENAGE SONS,
17 MY NEIGHBORS, THEIR CHILDREN AND FUTURE GENERATIONS, I THANK
18 YOU. AND NO MATTER WHAT FISCAL CHALLENGES THE CITY OR COUNTY
19 OR NATION MAY FACE DURING THESE TURBULENT ECONOMIC TIMES THE
20 WHOLESALE DESTRUCTION OF OUR LAND, AIR AND MOST IMPORTANTLY
21 WATER IS NOT THE SOLUTION OR REMEDY THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY
22 AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS LOOKING FOR. THANK YOU.
23
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] ALL
25 RIGHT. MA'AM?



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2 **IRMA MUNOZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE SUPERVISORS. MY
3 NAME IS IRMA MUNOZ AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MY ENVIRONMENTAL
4 ORGANIZATION CALLED MUJERES DE LA TIERRA. I AM HERE BECAUSE I
5 LIVE NEXT TO THAT LARGE URBAN OIL FIELD AND I HAVE FOR THE
6 LAST NINE YEARS SO I KNOW PERSONALLY WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE
7 NEXT TO AN OIL FIELD. I ALSO WANT TO BE REAL CLEAR ABOUT
8 SOMETHING BECAUSE SOME OF YOU KNOW THAT I HOLD OTHER POSITIONS
9 THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO ALL OF YOU. I AM ON THE LOS ANGELES
10 REGIONAL WATER BOARD. I'M THE CHAIR OF THE SANTA MONICA
11 MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY, AND A MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR THE
12 BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY. I'M NOT
13 SPEAKING ON THEIR BEHALF. THESE ARE MY PERSONAL OPINIONS AND
14 MY PERSONAL THOUGHTS. SO I WANT TO MAKE THAT VERY CLEAR. I
15 COME HERE BECAUSE YOU'RE OUR LAST HOPE. AND I'M VERY SERIOUS
16 WITH THAT. YOU ARE OUR LAST HOPE. I HAVE BEEN OFF AND ON FOR
17 THE LAST 10 YEARS FIGHTING AN OIL COMPANY THAT I DON'T THINK
18 SHOULD BE IN MY BACKYARD. BUT THEY ARE. AND THANKS TO
19 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WE'VE PUT IN SYSTEMS OF
20 ACCOUNTABILITY THAT MAKES IT A LOT SAFER. WE'RE TRYING TO GET
21 IT EVEN MORE SAFER. BUT WHY ON EARTH WOULD WE WANT TO DROP AN
22 OIL FIELD IN ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD? THE COUNTY HAS SPENT A
23 TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY HOLDING THIS OIL COMPANY
24 ACCOUNTABLE. STAFF MONEY. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS CAN
25 TELL YOU ALL THE HOURS THAT HAVE BEEN SPENT BY NOT JUST HIS



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1 STAFF BUT MANY OTHERS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT IN HAVING MONTHLY
2 MEETINGS WITH A LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. I THINK THE MOST
3 TRAGIC PART OF THIS IS THE FACT THAT WE ARE VIOLATING THE
4 PUBLIC TRUST. WHEN YOU ASKED THE VOTERS TO VOTE FOR SOMETHING
5 THAT WOULD BE GOOD FOR THEM AND THEIR CHILDREN IN GENERATIONS
6 TO COME, SUCH AS OPEN SPACE AND PRESERVATION OF LAND, THEY
7 EXPECT THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. THEY DON'T
8 THINK THAT YEARS LATER THERE'S GOING TO BE -- SOMEONE IS GOING
9 TO FIND SOME KIND OF LOOPHOLE TO BE ABLE TO CHANGE THAT. THAT
10 TO ME IS THE MOST DIFFICULT PART BECAUSE IN THE FUTURE WHAT'S
11 GOING TO HAPPEN IN MY OPINION IS THAT THE VOTERS AREN'T GOING
12 TO VOTE FOR THESE KINDS OF MEASURES BECAUSE THEY'LL SAY WAIT A
13 SECOND, WE ALREADY VOTED FOR THAT AND THERE'S ALREADY A TRACK
14 RECORD OF WHAT THEY'VE DONE. TWO, IF IT'S GREAT TO DRILL OIL
15 IN WHITTIER HILLS, THEN NEXT, WHY NOT DRILL OIL IN THE SANTA
16 MONICA MOUNTAINS PARK LANDS? BECAUSE THERE'S LOTS OF OIL OVER
17 THERE, TOO. I MEAN, WE'RE OPENING THE DOOR NOT JUST FOR
18 WHITTIER HILLS BUT FOR FOLKS IN YOUR AREA. AND TO CONCLUDE,
19 THE LAST IS: DO WE HAVE MORAL AUTHORITY VERSUS LEGAL
20 AUTHORITY? I THINK MANY OF YOU HAVE THAT MORAL AUTHORITY. BUT
21 I DON'T THINK WE HAVE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO DO THIS. THANK YOU
22 FOR YOUR TIME.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
25 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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2 **TOM WILLAMS:** DR. TOM WILLIAMS, L.A. 32 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL,
3 NOT THE 710 THIS TIME. A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND. I'VE BEEN
4 IN THE OIL AND GAS FIELDS WORLDWIDE. SAUDI ARABIA, U.A.E., ALL
5 SORTS OF THINGS. YEAH, I DON'T HAVE MY 710 HAT ON. BUT I DO
6 HAVE MY OIL HAT ON. OIL. GAS. GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES. ALL OF
7 THESE THINGS ARE PUBLIC TRUSTS. WE TRUST SOMEBODY TO TAKE CARE
8 OF THEM. THAT USED TO BE CALLED STEWARDSHIP. WILL THIS
9 PARTICULAR SETTLEMENT LEAD TO THE BEST STEWARDSHIP FOR THOSE
10 RESOURCES? THE RESOURCES AREN'T GOING TO CHANGE VERY MUCH. NO
11 MATTER WHAT YOU DO RIGHT NOW, IF YOU DON'T TOUCH THEM, YOU CAN
12 KEEP THEM FOR A LONG TIME, THEY'LL BE THERE. DON'T WORRY ABOUT
13 IT. HOWEVER, REMEMBER, ALSO, THE PEOPLE IN FAIRFAX, THE ROSS
14 STORE, REMEMBER THE PEOPLE AT UNION STATION AND CORN FIELDS,
15 THERE'S GAS AND OIL THERE, TOO, AND IT'S IN THE GROUND WATER.
16 IN MONTEBELLO, THEY CLOSED DOWN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS
17 COMPANY'S GAS FIELD, WHY? BECAUSE IT WAS LEAKING TOO MUCH.
18 INTO HOUSES. INTO THE FOREBAY OF THE MONTEBELLO GROUND WATER.
19 SO ALL OF THESE THINGS EXIST. WE'RE LOOKING AT PROBLEMS AT
20 23RD AND U.S.C. WE'RE LOOKING AT PROBLEMS DOWN ON JEFFERSON.
21 WE'RE LOOKING AT PROBLEMS IN A LOT OF PLACES FROM OIL/GAS.
22 DON'T MAKE ANOTHER PROBLEM. BECAUSE THERE ARE BADLY ABANDONED
23 WELLS IN THAT FIELD. YOU START PRESSURIZING IT, YOU START
24 OVER-PRESSURIZING IT, AND THEY WILL LEAK, MUCH LIKE THEY DID
25 IN THE CULVER CITY DOG PARK. OH, JUST A LITTLE BIT OF OIL



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1 THERE. BUT WHO HAD TO PAY FOR IT? WILL THE SETTLEMENT INCLUDE
2 A RESERVE FUND FOR ALL OF THE OIL SPILL CLEANUP THAT MIGHT
3 OCCUR? THE MITIGATION MEASURES THAT NEED TO BE UNDERTAKEN? DO
4 NOT SETTLE THE WAY THAT YOU SETTLED FOR THE INGLEWOOD- BALDWIN
5 HILLS FIELD. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. NEXT
8 SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOU KNOW
9 THE RULES OF THE ROAD, WHICH IS SIMPLY TO RAISE THE ROOF
10 RATHER THAN APPLAUD. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **NORM WILKINSON:** MY NAME IS NORM WILKINSON. I'M FROM WHITTIER,
13 CALIFORNIA. I WAS AT THE 400TH SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
14 CONSERVANCY MEETING ON JULY 22, 2013. IT WAS HELD AT THE KING
15 GILETTE RANCH IN CALABASAS. TO CELEBRATE THE MEETING THERE WAS
16 CAKE AND CHAMPAGNE AND MUCH BACK PATTING ON THE SUCCESS FROM
17 THE HUMBLE BEGINNINGS FROM 1980. PERHAPS IT WAS THE ALCOHOL OR
18 TOO MUCH SUGAR BUT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JOE EDMISTON LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG
20 FOR WHAT HE WAS UP TO. HE WAS ASKED BY THE SANTA MONICA
21 MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY BOARD IF PROP A, A TAXPAYER-APPROVED
22 MEASURE TO BUY LAND FOR OPEN SPACE, COULD BE CHANGED TO ALLOW
23 FOR OIL DRILLING. QUOTE, "DON'T WORRY," MR. EDMISTON STATED,
24 "WE HAVE A GET OUT OF JAIL FREE CARD." MR. EDMISTEN WENT ON TO
25 ELABORATE THAT WITH A STROKE OF A PEN YOU CAN CHANGE THE LAND



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1 USE FROM OPEN SPACE TO MINERAL EXTRACTION. YOU DON'T HAVE TO
2 TAKE MY WORD FOR IT. GO TO THE WHITTIER HILLS OIL WATCH WEB
3 PAGE AND SEE THE VIDEO FROM THAT MEETING WHERE EDMISTON MAKES
4 THE CASE FOR OIL DRILLING ON TAXPAYER FUNDED OPEN SPACE LAND.
5 YOU MAY HAVE HEARD THAT A SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BY THE
6 M.R.C.A. AND THE CITY OF WHITTIER EVEN THOUGH THE COURT RULING
7 EXPLICITLY STATED THAT THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND MATRIX OIL
8 VIOLATED THE PUBLIC TRUST ON PROPOSITION A, M.R.C.A. SETTLED
9 TO ALLOW OIL DRILLING ON OPEN SPACE LAND. THIS SOUNDS CRAZY
10 UNTIL YOU REALIZE THE SETTLEMENT CALLS FOR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
11 TO BE PAID TO THE M.R.C.A. WE KNOW THERE IS NO FREE LUNCH AND
12 NO GET OUT OF JAIL FREE CARD. JOE SOLD OUT TO THE TAXPAYERS
13 FOR 11.5 MILLION DOLLARS. IF JOE IS WILLING TO DEAL CARDS IN
14 WHITTIER, THEN PACIFIC PALISADES, THE KING GILETTE RANCH, OR
15 ANY LAND PAID FOR TAXPAYERS FOR THE OPEN SPACE IS ON THE TABLE
16 FOR OIL DRILLING. I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DO THE
17 RIGHT THING AND FOLLOW THE SPIRIT OF PROPOSITION A AND NOT
18 ALLOW LAND USE CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO GIVE THE BOARD, IF I MAY,
19 COPIES OF THE SETTLEMENT. I HAVE COPIES FOR EVERYBODY SO YOU
20 MAY READ FOR YOURSELF.

21
22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU.

23
24 **NORM WILKINSON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY.

2 SIR? THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

3

4 **MATT BERKELHAMMER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
5 MATT BERKELHAMMER AND I HAVE LIVED FOR THE PAST 28 YEARS IN
6 THE UNINCORPORATED PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY KNOWN AS WEST
7 WHITTIER LOS NIETOS, A COMMUNITY OF APPROXIMATELY 26,000
8 PEOPLE CURRENTLY IN THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
9 REPRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. I AM A TAXPAYER, A VOTER AND
10 AN OPPONENT OF THE PROPOSED MASSIVE OIL DRILLING PROJECT IN
11 THE WHITTIER HILLS. THIS PROJECT IS A CLEAR VIOLATION OF
12 PROPOSITION A APPROVED IN 1992 BY OVER 62 PERCENT OF THE LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY VOTERS, WHICH MANDATES THAT LANDS PURCHASED
14 WITH PROP A FUNDS BE KEPT AS OPEN SPACE IN PERPETUITY. AND IT
15 ALSO POSES SIGNIFICANT, SEVERE AND UNAVOIDABLE NEGATIVE
16 IMPACTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. I WAS
17 HEARTENED BY L.A. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE JAMES C. CHALFANTS'
18 TENTATIVE DECISION ON JUNE 6TH AND THE ORDER FOR PRELIMINARY
19 INJUNCTION AGAINST THE CITY OF WHITTIER, MATRIX OIL
20 CORPORATION AND TEXAS-BASED OIL COMPANY CLAYTON WILLIAMS
21 ENERGY ON JUNE 13TH. HIS 38-PAGE DECISION WAS WELL THOUGHT
22 OUT, COMPREHENSIVE AND UNAMBIGUOUS RULING, WHICH UPHELD THE
23 BASIC PROVISIONS OF PROP A. I AM CERTAIN THAT IT WOULD STAND
24 UP WELL ON APPEAL. JUDGE CHALFANT RULED THAT PROP A SECTION 16
25 A-1 REQUIRES THE RECIPIENT OF PROP A FUNDS TO MAINTAIN AND



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1 OPERATE IN PERPETUITY THE PROPERTY ACQUIRED. AND THIS
2 RESPONSIBILITY MAY ONLY BE TRANSFERRED WITH THE APPROVAL OF
3 THE GRANTING AGENCY, THAT IS, THE L.A. COUNTY REGIONAL PARK
4 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. YOU ARE THE LAST REMAINING BARRIER TO
5 HAVING JUDGE CHALFANT'S DECISION WIPE OUT AND PERHAPS OPENING
6 UP A WHOLE NEW ERA OF OIL COMPANY EXPLOITATION OF HARD-FOUGHT-
7 FOR PUBLIC OPEN SPACES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. I URGE YOU
8 PLEASE DON'T RELEASE THE LAND FROM OPEN SPACE STATUS TO ALLOW
9 MINERAL EXTRACTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
12 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

13

14 **HOLLY OVERIN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS HOLLY OVERIN, I'M A RESIDENT
15 OF WHITTIER AND I GREW UP THERE. MY HEART IS BEATING. I'M
16 INTIMIDATED BUT THANK YOU ALL FOR LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TAKE A DEEP BREATH.

19

20 **HOLLY OVERIN:** IT'S A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE
21 AND FOR THE PEOPLE. UNFORTUNATELY, I DO UNDERSTAND THAT IN
22 1860S, WE, BECAUSE OF A GOVERNMENT OR AN ACTUAL COURT REPORTER
23 OVERSIGHT, PROBABLY PREMEDITATED BY THE RAILROAD COMPANIES,
24 CORPORATIONS WERE GIVEN PERSONHOOD. I THINK THIS HAS KIND OF
25 CREATED A SITUATION WHERE DAVID MEETS GOLIATH. THE PEOPLE



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1 BEING DAVID AND THE CORPORATIONS BEING GOLIATH. AND I THINK
2 THAT'S WHY WE FIND OURSELVES SORT OF BEFUDDLED THESE DAYS. BUT
3 I'D LIKE TO START WITH A SCIENTIFIC FACT OF THE BIG PICTURE
4 ABOUT OIL AND DRINKING WATER BECAUSE I'M NOT A ROBOT, I'M A
5 HUMAN BEING. THE AIR WE BREATHE, COMPOSITION IS SUCH OF 78
6 PERCENT NITROGEN, 21.5 PERCENT OXYGEN AND .5 PERCENT OTHER
7 GASES. DUMPING 90 MILLION TONS OF CO2 EVERY 24 HOURS IN THE
8 AIR WE BREATHE CAN DESTROY HUMAN LIFE AS WE KNOW IT IN THE
9 LONG VIEW. WHEN WE SPOKE WITH A CITY COUNCILMEMBER IN WHITTIER
10 ABOUT THE OIL DRILLING PROJECT, HE SAID "I AM VERY HAPPY THAT
11 WE HAVE THIS PROJECT. IT'S POTENTIAL REVENUE." I SAID "BUT
12 WHAT ABOUT THE LIFE ON EARTH AS WE KNOW IT IN TERMS OF
13 BRINGING MORE OIL, CARBON-BURNING PROPERTIES INTO THE
14 ATMOSPHERE?" HE SAID "WELL JUST BECAUSE WE EXTRACT OIL DOES
15 NOT MEAN WE WILL BURN IT." WELL THIS FROM A LEADER OF OUR
16 GOVERNMENT, I THINK IS A VERY SHORT-TERM VIEW. AND SO HERE
17 TODAY WE HAVE THIS DECISION THAT YOU ALL NEED TO MAKE AND
18 CONSIDER THE JUSTICE OF IT ALL, THE SOCIETAL, ENVIRONMENTAL
19 CONSEQUENCES. THE WHITTIER RESIDENTS, DESPITE THIS LAND SWAP
20 IDEA BY CORPORATE BODIES, WILL STILL SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES
21 OF HEALTH ISSUES. AND THE RESUMED OIL DRILLING EXTRACTION ON
22 VOTER-APPROVED PROP A PRESERVES, LAND WHICH WAS VOTED TO BE
23 PRESERVED IN PERPETUITY, A WORD THAT I JUST RECENTLY LEARNED,
24 AS OPEN SPACE.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

2

3 **HOLLY OVERIN:** REALLY TO PROTECT ANIMALS, PLANTS, AIR AND
4 HUMANS, I HOPE YOU VOTE TO PRESERVE IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY
7 AND WE'LL TURN TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **ANDREA GORDON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANDREA
10 GORDON. MOST OF YOU KNOW I'M A LONG TIME COUNTY EMPLOYEE,
11 NEARLY 40 YEARS. I SEE THAT LOOK. I WANT TO THANK YOU TODAY
12 FOR BEING WILLING TO LISTEN TO US. I LIVE IN THE
13 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY KNOWN AS TURNBULL CANYON,
14 WHICH IS IN THOSE WHITTIER HILLS AREA, COMMONLY CALLED
15 HACIENDA HEIGHTS. I WANT TO SAY WHAT THE CITY OF WHITTIER HAS
16 DONE, I THINK, IS BLATANTLY ILLEGAL. I THINK THE JUDGE'S
17 RULING IN THAT COURT DECISION WAS RIGHT AND PROPER. I BELIEVE
18 IT WAS BASED ON THE LAW. THIS IS A CLASSIC BAIT AND SWITCH
19 TYPE OF ACTION ON THE PART OF THE CITY AND THE OIL COMPANIES.
20 THE VOTERS OF THIS COUNTY ALL OVER THE COUNTY VOTED TO PUT UP
21 THEIR TAX MONEY FROM THEIR PROPERTY TAX BILLS TO BUY LAND AND
22 KEEP IT AS OPEN SPACE. THEY DIDN'T SAY "LET'S BUY IT NOW UNDER
23 THE GUISE OF OPEN SPACE AND TURN IT INTO AN OIL FIELD LATER."
24 THE LATEST NEWSPAPER ARTICLE THAT I SAW SAID THAT IT WAS SEVEN
25 ACRES IN QUESTION. IT'S NOT. I READ THE LEASE. IT'S 1,290



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1 ACRES THAT WAS LEASED TO THE OIL COMPANIES. THE OIL AND GAS
2 PROCESSING PLANT THAT THEY INTEND TO PUT ON THAT LAND IS 10.2
3 ACRES. NOWHERE IN THERE IS IT SEVEN ACRES. THIS IS A HUGE
4 TRAVESTY BROUGHT UPON THE VOTERS OF THIS STATE, EXCUSE ME, OF
5 THIS COUNTY AND THE TAXPAYERS. IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT
6 WE STAND BY THE LAW AND THAT WE STAND BY OUR WORD AND THAT WE
7 CONTINUE TO PROTECT THAT LAND. AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE
8 SPOKEN UP AND HAVE BEEN WILLING TO DO SO SO FAR, I APPRECIATE
9 IT. I BOUGHT THAT LAND WHERE I LIVE UP THERE 13 YEARS AGO
10 BECAUSE 15 YEARS AGO I HAD CANCER. THEY TOLD ME I HAD SIX
11 MONTHS. THAT WAS 15 YEARS AGO. I'M HEALTHY AND HAPPY AND STILL
12 A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. BUT LET'S KEEP THAT LAND CLEAN. IT
13 SHOULDN'T BE AN OIL FIELD. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
16 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **RUTH CADOTA:** HI, MY NAME IS RUTH CADOTA, I'M A LITTLE OLD LADY
19 AND YOU'RE ALL TIRED AND I'M GOING TO MAKE IT VERY SHORT AND
20 SWEET. I CAME TODAY FILLED WITH ANGER, DISBELIEF AND APPALLED
21 BY THE DOUBLE-CROSSING OF THE, QUOTE, FALSE OPEN SPACE
22 PROFESSIONALISTS, WHO JOINED OUR FIGHT AGAINST OIL DRILLING ON
23 OUR HEELS IN WHITTIER. THESE DOUBLE AGENTS INFLICTED THE
24 ULTIMATE EVIL OF DOUBLE-CROSSING US AT THE FINISH LINE BY
25 TAKING THE PATH OF GREED AND SELF-INTEREST OVER THE VOICE OF



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1 THE PEOPLE. AFTER WITNESSING ON TWO OCCASIONS THE ACTION IN
2 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE CHALFANTS' COURTROOM, I WAS PERSONALLY
3 PREPARED TO ACCEPT WHATEVER JUDGMENT HE WOULD MAKE DUE TO HIS
4 OBJECTIVE DETAIL CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION. TO OUR JOY, HE
5 CONCLUDED THAT THE CITY OF WHITTIER ACTED ILLEGALLY TO ALLOW
6 DRILLING IN LAND TO BE PRESERVED AS OPEN SPACE IN PERPETUITY.
7 FOR ONE BRIGHT MOMENT, BRIGHT OVER MIGHT WAS RETURNED. AND I
8 HOPE YOUR ACTIONS TODAY WILL GO ALONG WITH THAT THEME: RIGHT
9 OVER MIGHT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
12 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT DOES CLOSE THE HEARING ON THOSE WHO
13 WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM, THAT'S CS-2. THE
14 REMAINING BUSINESS BEFORE, WE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR
15 TESTIMONY. THE REMAINING BUSINESS BEFORE US AT THIS POINT IN
16 TIME IS TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT, WHICH IS THE LAST ORDER OF
17 BUSINESS TODAY BEFORE WE RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION. MAY I CALL
18 ON THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE? QUITE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WISH TO BE
19 HEARD, SOME 20 PEOPLE. WE BEGIN WITH IRENE PANG, ARNOLD SACHS,
20 BOBBY COOPER, LORI MARTIN, CLYDE WILLIAMS, PATRICIA MULCAHEY,
21 KENT KRINGS? IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD? I WOULD SAY TO YOU
22 THAT WE ARE -- WE HAVE A VERY, VERY PACKED AGENDA FOR THE
23 BALANCE OF THE MEETING ON CLOSED SESSION, AND WE'D ASK THAT
24 YOU BE MINDFUL OF THAT IN YOUR TESTIMONY OR YOUR TIME WILL
25 REFLECT THAT ACCORDINGLY. MISS PANG, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.



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IRENE PANG: I'M IRENE. GOOD AFTERNOON. I QUESTION ABOUT FIRST
THE PRIVACY HOME IN THE BUSINESS SHOP THAT NEED TO, THEY NEED,
THEY NEED USING BY THE OWNERSHIP OR THE RENTING NOT OTHER
PROPERTY FOR FREE USING. SAY AGAIN. BY BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION
SAME AS (INAUDIBLE) SAME AS BUSINESS SHOP. SAME AS BUSINESS
STATION CENTER FOR THE BARS AND THE VEHICLE USING NOT FOR THE
GROCERY STORE USING. DOING BUSINESS HAD TO FOLLOW UNITED
STATES BUSINESS LAW. MY FAMILY MEMBERS INJURY BY THE
REVELATION EVEN DURING THE JOB PERFORMANCE, MY FAMILY MEMBERS
THE HEALTH COVERAGE.

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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
MISS PANG. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED AND WE HAVE TO MOVE TO THE
NEXT SPEAKER.

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LORI MARTIN: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS LORI MARTIN, I RESIDE IN
RIVERSIDE, YET AGAIN I'LL TELL YOU THAT. I HAVE BEEN SLAPPED.
SLAPPED MEANING SLAP IN THE FACE, STRATEGIC LAWSUIT AGAINST
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. THAT IS WHAT I AM DEALING WITH. AND IT
IS EVEN MORE OF A JOKE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T EVEN SPELL CORRECTLY
FIRST. INSTEAD IT SAYS "FRIST". INCOMPETENCE IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. I MEAN THEY CAN'T EVEN SPELL
THE WORD "FIRST"? IT'S "FRIST" ON MY AMENDED REPORT HERE FROM
7/24, THE DAY AFTER I OUSTED MR. YAROSLAVSKY FOR HIS LOVELY



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1 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEPENDENCY ATTORNEYS AND ALSO
2 COMMISSIONERS THERE. I'VE HAD SEVEN COMMISSIONERS ON MY CASE
3 IN SUCH A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME. I KNOW THAT THIS IS A SLAP.
4 WHEN WILL THIS COUNTY HAVE A MORAL COMPASS TO IT AND ACT
5 PROPERLY AND ABIDE BY THE LAW? THIS IS RIDICULOUS. HAVE A
6 GREAT DAY.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
9 WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. A COUPLE THINGS.
12 FIRST OF ALL, YOU HAD SET ITEMS ITEMS 4 AND 5 WERE BOTH SET
13 FOR SPECIFIC TIMES AND YOU CALLED THEM TOGETHER DENYING THE
14 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 5. THANK YOU FOR COUNTY
15 COUNSEL FOR SPEAKING UP. JUST A SHOUTOUT TO KEYSHAN CAMPBELL.
16 THEY DID A STORY ABOUT HIM IN THE L.A. TIMES AND HIS HARDSHIP
17 THAT HE'S HAVING AT I BELIEVE IT'S CAL STATE UP IN NORTHERN
18 CALIFORNIA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. KEEP AT IT. ALL YOU CAN
19 DO IS TRY. TAKE SOME PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSES. IT WILL HELP YOU
20 ORGANIZE YOUR THOUGHTS. QUAKE PROOFING HOLLYWOOD WAS BIG NEWS
21 IN L.A. AND I'M WONDERING BECAUSE THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT
22 CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DEVELOPMENT ON HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, AND
23 I WOULD THINK THAT HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD? THAT'S WHERE THE RED
24 LINE IS. OH, AND BY THE WAY, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE
25 GRAFFITI IS STILL AT THE VERNON STATION.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I HAVE SIX DOLLARS FOR YOU IF YOU WANT TO TAKE
5 THE BLUE LINE. IF YOU WANT TO GO TAKE A LOOK AT IT.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
8 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** HERE'S YOUR SIX DOLLARS FOR THE BLUE LINE.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN KEEP YOUR MONEY AND YOU
13 KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT. IF YOU KNOW WHAT I KNOW, YOU SHOULD
14 LEAVE RIGHT NOW. SIR, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. I DIDN'T REALIZE THEY HAD ONE
17 MINUTE, SO I'LL TRY AND RIP THROUGH IT QUICKLY. I'M HERE
18 APPEARING BEFORE YOU TODAY TO ADVISE THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS OF
19 ISSUES REGARDING THE INCLUSION OF FIVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
20 UNINCORPORATED PARCELS INTO THE CITY OF MALIBU TRANCAS
21 HIGHLANDS WATER SYSTEM AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. THIS
22 PROPOSED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT IS THE HIGHEST COST PER PROPERTY
23 OWNER IN THE HISTORY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THE COST FOR
24 A MUNICIPAL WATER CONNECTION AND PARTIAL UNDERGROUNDING OF
25 UTILITIES IS A STAGGERING 20,000 DOLLARS PER YEAR FOR 30



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1 YEARS. THE TOTAL COST PER FAMILY IS 600,000 DOLLARS. MANY
2 RESIDENTS HAVE STATED THAT THEY WILL LOSE THEIR HOMES AND LOSE
3 THEIR LAND DUE TO THIS EXCESSIVE TAX. THE MEDIAN AGE IN THIS
4 AREA IS OVER 55. MANY ARE RETIRED AND WILL BE UNABLE TO PAY
5 THIS ASTRONOMICAL TAX AND WILL BE EVICTED FROM THEIR HOMES.

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7 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** I DON'T KNOW I ONLY HAD ONE MINUTE. I DID
8 SIGN UP TO SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT, WHICH YOU REFUSE TO LET ME
9 DO. I'M INCONCLUDING THIS.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT.

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13 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** NO, I HAVE MORE THAN ONE MINUTE. YOU WENT
14 AGAINST BROWN ACT AGAIN, WHICH IS ANOTHER CIVIL RIGHTS
15 VIOLATION, IN REGARDS TO AGAIN I ASKED HOW MANY CHILDREN WERE
16 ON PSYCHOTROPICAL DRUGS, MOLINA? IN REGARDS TO COURT CASE TO
17 JUNE THE 19TH, 2013. HOW MANY RIGHT NOW IN THIS CALIFORNIA IS
18 PUT ON PSYCH DRUGS FOR THE HIGHER FEDERAL RIGHT IN REGARDS TO
19 JUDGE KICKBACKS IN REGARDS TO JUDGE NASH AND CRIMINAL JUDGE
20 NASH, IN REGARDS TO I WANT THE TRANSCRIPT TO BE INCLUDED IN
21 REGARDS TO JUSTICE LAWRENCE D. KAY WHO SPOKE, DO YOU
22 UNDERSTAND? I WANT A COPY BACK OF THIS. IN REGARDS TO
23 INDEPENDENT REVIEW ON ALL THE CASES THAT WERE HEARD IN REGARDS
24 TO COMMISSIONER SKIBA. I HAD A JUDGE SAY DO NOT REPORT ANY OF



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1 THESE PEOPLE FOR CHILD ABUSE. YOUR KIDS ARE NOT BEING ABUSED.
2 WHERE BY GOLLY THEY WERE.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
5 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA, PLEASE?

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7 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** I WANT A COPY OF WHAT I SUBMITTED AND AN
8 UPDATE.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** FRED ZAMORDIAN, COLIESHA
11 COPELAND, TERESIJA SIGMUND, DAVID SERRANO, OSCAR JOHNSON,
12 MELLO DESIRE, DENISE PAZ, JOHN WALSH, GABRIEL MUHAMMAD, IN
13 THAT ORDER, PLEASE? MA'AM?

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15 **TERESIJA SIGMUNG:** AS GLAD AS I AM THAT YOU PUT TOGETHER THE
16 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, I FIND IT RATHER QUESTIONABLE THAT YOU
17 PUT MR. SANDERS ON TOP OF IT WHO USED TO RUN THE D.C.F.S. THAT
18 IS A BIG CONFLICT OF INTEREST, IT IS NATURAL HUMAN NATURE NOT
19 TO LET TO WANT AN INVESTIGATION GO WHERE IT NEEDS TO GO IF
20 YOU'RE THE ONE WHO USED TO RUN IT. SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY
21 YOU WOULD PUT PEOPLE ON TOP OF IT THAT INHERENTLY WOULD BE
22 POINTED FINGER AT IF THINGS ARE DISCOVERED AND FOUND OUT THAT
23 ARE NOT NECESSARILY IN THE INTEREST OF THAT PERSON BECAUSE THE
24 PERSON WAS IN CHARGE. FURTHERMORE, IN MY OWN CASE, YOU HAVE
25 HELPED ME ZERO. OUR RELIGION THAT YOU MADE SOME OTHER -- YOU



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1 PASSED SOMETHING THE OTHER WEEK ABOUT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. IT
2 JUST DOESN'T SEEM TO EVER APPLY TO MY FAMILY. WE'RE ADVENTIST.
3 ARE YOU ALLERGIC TO ADVENTISTS BECAUSE THAT'S WHO WE ARE AND
4 YOU COMPLETELY TRAMPLE OVER IT. FURTHERMORE MY MY SON WAS
5 HAVING SEVERE ALLERGIC CAT REACTION AND THE TESTING THAT WAS
6 COURT ORDERED STILL HASN'T TAKEN PLACE.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
9 THANK YOU. MR. JOHNSON?

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11 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND SPEAK FOR
12 CULTURE CHANGE. I'M A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND I
13 WALKS DOWN THE STREET ON CRENSHAW ON THE EAST SIDE TO CROSS
14 THE STREET TO GO TO, YOU KNOW, TO COME DOWNTOWN. I WAS ON THE
15 EAST SIDE OF THE STREET GOING SOUTH I STEPPED UP ON THE CURB
16 ON THE GREEN LIGHT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY POLICE CAR ALMOST
17 HIT ME, MISSED ME 2 TO 3 FEET AND HE KEPT ON GOING. WE SHOULD
18 END POLICE DEPARTMENT (INAUDIBLE) IN THE STREETS THAT
19 ENDANGERS THE LIVES OF CITIZENS. WE SHOULD END UNFIT AUTHORITY
20 IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. I THINK A LEARNED SOCIETY CAN BE A BETTER
21 SOCIETY. WE SHOULD STOP DRUGS FROM COMING INTO AMERICA, WE
22 SHOULD STOP ALCOHOL FROM COMING TO AMERICA. WE FIND THAT
23 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE GET KILLED BY DRUG-RELATED INJURIES AND
24 ALCOHOL DRUNK DRIVING ACROSS THIS COUNTRY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE.
25 A MINUTE AIN'T ENOUGH.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
3 MR. WALSH, PLEASE.

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5 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. I'M
6 A 60 SECOND MAN. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW THE OLD SONG. ALL
7 RIGHT. LET'S START WITH ENDORSEMENTS. THIS IS AT
8 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. COME TO US RIGHT NOW AND YOU WILL SEE
9 WE HAVEN'T DECIDED WHETHER TO ENDORSE YOUNG MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS
10 YET, BUT WE HAVE MADE A DECISION IN THE ADJOINING ASSEMBLY
11 DISTRICT: THAT IS ANYBODY BUT AUTUMN BURKE FOR ASSEMBLY. NOW,
12 AUTUMN BURKE IS THE CHILD OF YOUR PREDECESSOR, MR. RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS. SHE IS A CARPET BAGGER. SHE'S COMING IN HERE OUT OF NO
14 WHERE. SHE LIVES OUT IN THE MARINA DEL REY. AND SHE HAS THROWN
15 HER WEIGHT AROUND. IT'S ALL ON MY WEBSITE. THE OBAMAS'
16 CANDIDATE IS AUTUMN BURKE. OUR CANDIDATE IS ANYBODY BUT BURKE.
17 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
20 THE NEXT SPEAKER, MR. SERRANO?

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22 **DAVID SERRANO:** GOD IS THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY
23 SPIRIT. THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE, AMEN. ONE WAY OR
24 ANOTHER, YOU WILL LEARN THAT YAHWEH ALOHANU CREATED HEAVEN AND
25 THE UNIVERSE AND ALL HUMANS AND SOULS AND SPIRITUAL BODIES AND



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1 THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD ONLY INDWELLS CHRISTIANS BECAUSE WE
2 CHRISTIANS BELIEVE REALITY THAT JESUS CHRIST IS GOD THE
3 CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND THE UNIVERSE AND WE LOVE YAHWEH OUR
4 HEAVENLY FATHER. CHRISTIAN SOULS AND SPIRITS ASCEND INTO THE
5 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, AMEN. IN HEAVEN, CHRISTIANS ARE IMMORTAL
6 SOULS WITH EVERLASTING SPIRITUAL BODIES INDWELLED BY THE HOLY
7 SPIRIT OF GOD. REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND
8 YOU WILL INHERIT EVERLASTING LIFE WITH GOD IN THE KINGDOM OF
9 GOD, AMEN. HALLELUJAH. AND YOU HAVE A NICE DAY.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
12 TESTIMONY. THAT CONCLUDES THE LIST OF THOSE WHO WISH TO BE
13 HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC
14 COMMENT PORTION OF OUR AGENDA. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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16 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
17 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
18 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS NUMBER CS-1 AND CS-
19 2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
20 LITIGATION; ITEM NUMBER CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
21 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE; ITEM
22 NUMBER CS-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; ITEM
23 NUMBER CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS WILLIAM T
24 FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF AND ITEM NUMBER CS-6, CONFERENCE



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1 WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND RICHARD
2 VOLPERT AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION AUGUST 30, 2013

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5 There is no reportable action on items CS-1, CS-2, CS-3, CS-4
6 OR CS-6.

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8 In closed session item CS-5 was continued one week to August
9 27, 2013.

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